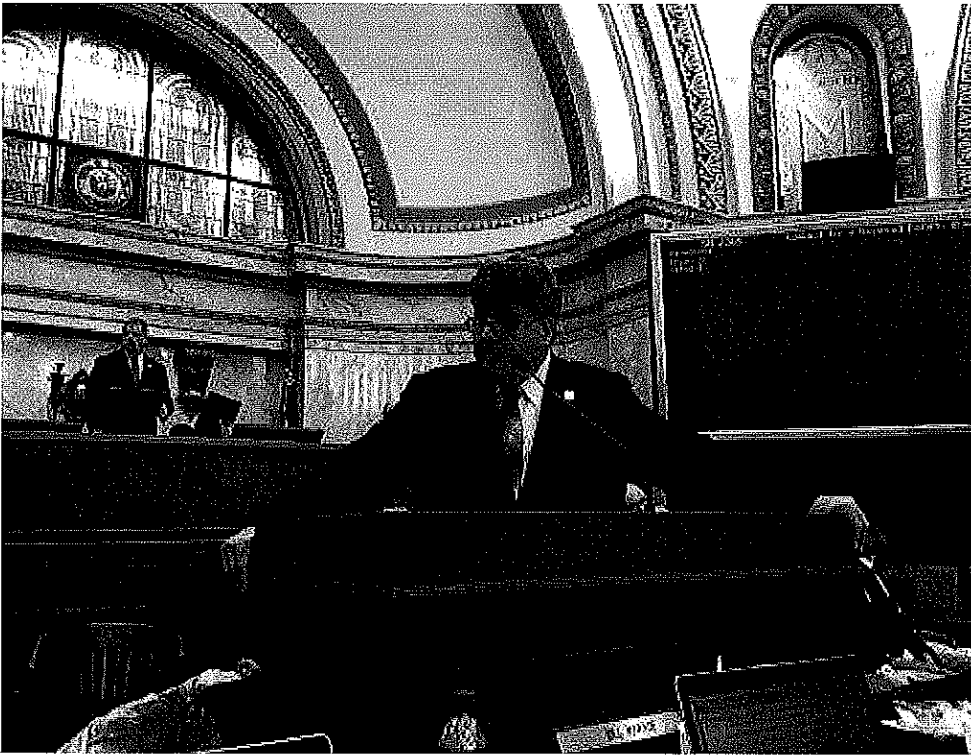


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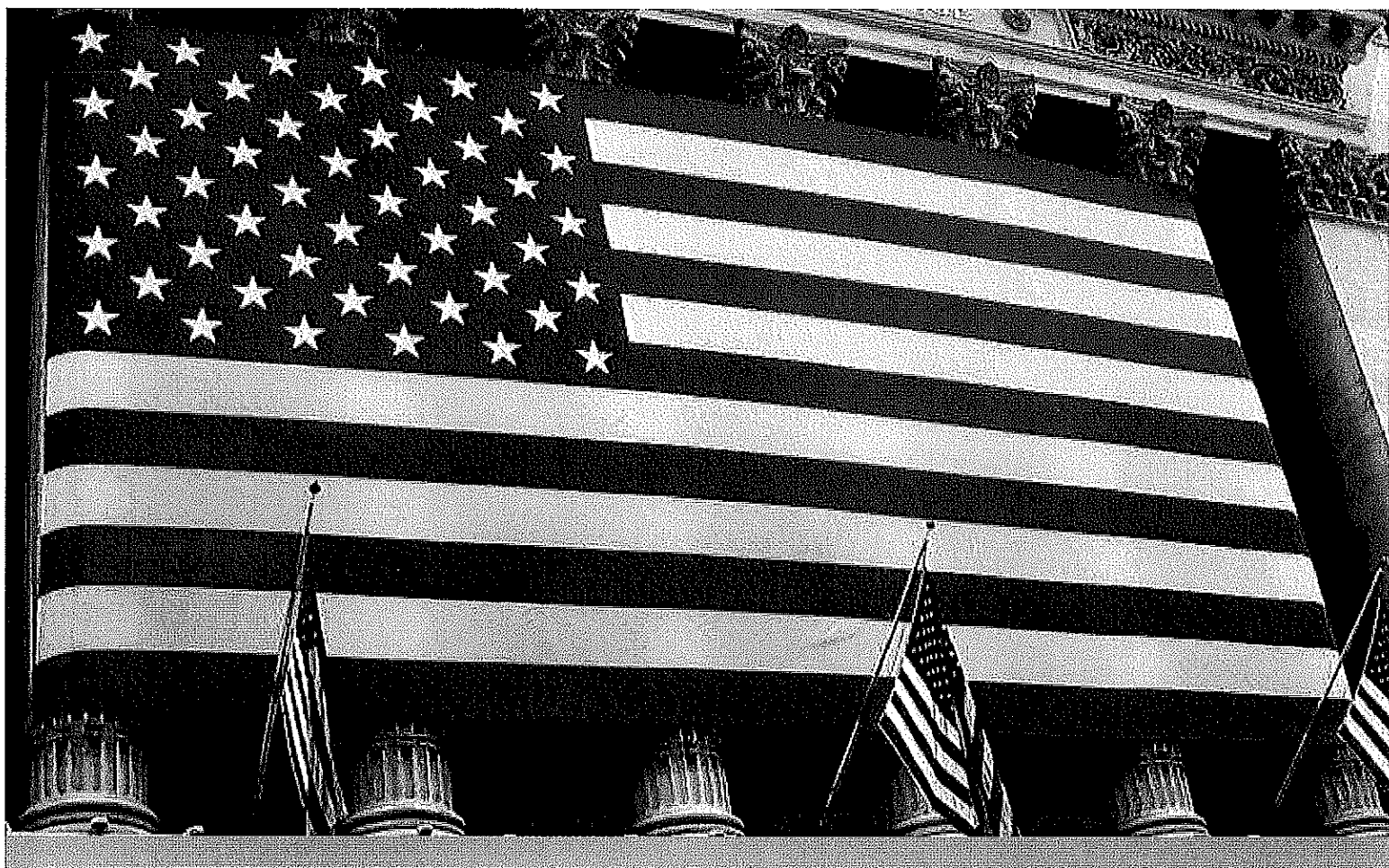


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PIONEER STATE OPPORTUNITY. Parents of more than 32,000 children anxiously await November for a ballot question to lift the cap on charter schools in the Bay State. According to new data from six Boston charter high schools – which serve a student population that’s largely Black and Latino – 98 percent of graduates are accepted to college.

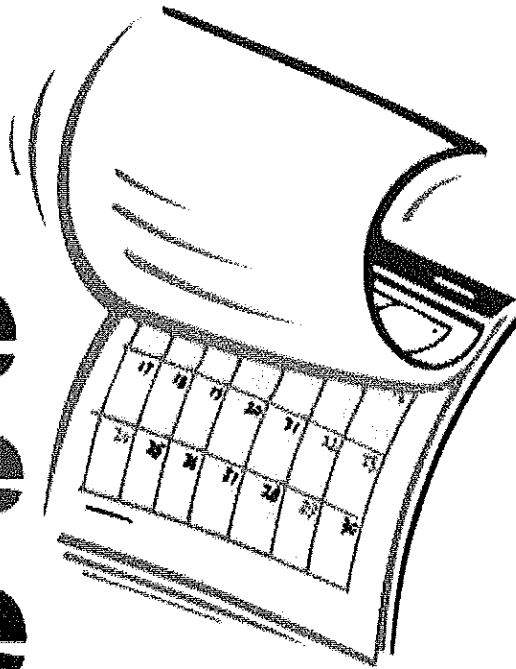


IN OHIO. Charter schools in the Buckeye State have one month to document and provide evidence that they are complying with 319 state laws and rules. Among the hundreds outraged by the latest regulatory overreach by the State education department, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation representative Jennifer Robinson told *Gongwer* that charters are being held to completely different standards than traditional public schools. The focus should be on making sure schools are providing a quality education, "not whether they have a flag five feet in length," Robinson said, referring to item number 209 on the compliance list. Next week CER Founder and CEO Jeanne Allen will bring the message of innovation and opportunity to the Ohio Council of Community Schools' (OCCS) gathering in Toledo. OCCS is the strongest and most tenured authorizer in the Buckeye State. For more info call Lenny Shafer at (419) 720-5200.



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Supreme Court To Hear Second Traffic Camera Case; City Of Springfield Argues Home Rule Hangs In The Balance

The state's high court has agreed to take up a second challenge to a law that has all but eliminated the use of traffic cameras by municipalities.

The Ohio Supreme Court will hear arguments from the city of Springfield that a measure (SB342, 130th General Assembly) that requires a police officer to be present where traffic cameras are operating violates home rule and is not a general law.

In its memorandum in support of jurisdiction, the city called the law "a thinly veiled attempt to destroy local traffic-camera programs."

The city, which established its traffic camera program in 2005 at 10 intersections with high crash rates, sued over the law in Clark County Common Pleas Court but lost. It then took its case to the Second District Court of Appeals, where it again was unsuccessful.

The city now argues that if the appellate court decision is upheld, it could cripple the concept of home rule throughout the state.

"The Second District's decision erroneously reduces municipal authority and would return cities and villages to the position they were in before the people of the state of Ohio changed their constitution in 1912," the city wrote.

The city also makes the case that a "state statute with the principal purpose and effect of limiting municipal authority is not a general law to which municipal ordinances must yield."

"The Legislative Service Commission told the General Assembly that a single section of the bill, the section requiring a police officer to be present at the camera site, would cost municipalities \$73 million. The police officer sitting at the intersection has no role in the photo-enforcement process," the city wrote. "Inexplicably, SB342 requires that the officer sitting idly at a camera site must be a full-time officer. These provisions serve only one purpose - to burden photo-enforcement programs with excessive costs so that cities and villages will abandon them."

The court declined to take up a third proposition of law on whether a municipality has standing to seek a declaratory judgment declaring a state statute to be an unconstitutional incursion of its power of local self-government even where the statute does not conflict with a municipal ordinance.

In an amicus brief filed with the court in support of jurisdiction, the Ohio Municipal League and the city of Dayton, which is engaged in its own litigation over the law, also make the case that the concept of home rule is at stake. The city of Toledo has also filed an amicus brief in support of jurisdiction in the case.

"This matter extends well beyond a municipality's ability to adopt and enforce automatic traffic enforcement programs," the Dayton and OML filing states. "If the Second District's decision stands, it would give the General Assembly authority to legislatively eliminate constitutionally-provided home rule powers, specifically, those powers that are purely local."

The state, however, in its memorandum in response to jurisdiction called the lawsuit "a companion to the attack on the state's comprehensive regulation of traffic cameras."

"Like Dayton, its arguments rest on exaggerated conceptions of its home rule authority and distorted views of S.B. 342," the attorney general's office writes.

The state also deemed both lawsuits to be "quixotic attempts to redefine the court's teachings on police power regulations and standing."

After NEOCH Decision, Seitz Suggests Lawmakers Implement Photo ID Requirements For Voting

Following a federal judge's decision that struck down three provisions contained in election-related legislation that he says placed undue burdens on certain voters, one GOP lawmaker said it may be time to go with a "more rigorous" identification requirement blessed by the nation's high court.

One of the provision struck down required voters accurately complete all five fields on the provisional ballot affirmation and absentee identification envelope before their ballots could be counted, which Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said in an interview were for identification purposes.

Since that has been deemed unconstitutional, Sen. Seitz said lawmakers may have no choice but to go the voter ID route.

"This constant meddling in our state election laws ultimately means that you have to resort to something the Supreme Court has already blessed," he said. "I suppose you leave us no choice but to go the photo ID route."

Sen. Seitz said the identification measure struck down was designed to prevent voter fraud. He said the federal government refuses to tell the secretary of state's office if a Social Security number corresponds to an illegal alien.

"We have precious little protection against voting by illegal aliens," he said.

But Rep. Kathleen Clyde (D-Kent) said requiring state-issued IDs to cast ballots will be a waste of taxpayer dollars.

"This is more bluster and bullying of Ohio's voters from Senator Seitz, who has been deeply involved with most of the anti-voter legislation that the courts have thrown out over the last several years," she said. "Photo-only voter ID legislation is wrong for Ohio. It's not necessary, it's discriminatory, and it would cost the state and voters millions of dollars to implement."

U.S. District Court Judge Algenon L. Marbley's ruling, which struck down two other provisions in election-related legislation passed during the previous General Assembly, is being appealed. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 8, 2016)

Along with throwing out the provisional ballot requirements, the judge delivered a harsh critique of voting law trends in Ohio over the last several years, saying "the Republican-controlled General Assembly's frenetic pace of introducing such legislation reflects questionable motives, given the wealth of other problems facing the state which actually needed solutions."

"If the dog whistles in the General Assembly continue to get louder, courts considering future challenges to voting restrictions in Ohio may very well find that intentional discrimination is afoot," he wrote.

Sen. Setiz, however, said he and his colleague do not have any intention to put a moratorium on election-related legislation.

"Please be assured we are not going to be delinquent in doing our duty to the people of Ohio," he said.

He also denied there was a racial motivation behind the legislation, noting that another federal court judge found the provision to be constitutional.

"This is just another example of the double-standard that activist judges who might be better suited to be legislators are following in their zeal to do the will of the Ohio Democratic Party," he said.

Josh Eck, spokesman for Secretary of State Jon Husted, said the appeals process should be allowed to play out.

"Secretary Husted certainly understands Senator Seitz's frustration with the federal court's intrusion into Ohio's elections, which is why he has appealed the ruling," he said. "Once the appeal is decided and the 2016 election is over, we can calmly assess what law changes will be necessary to ensure a balance in our election system where it is both easy to vote and hard to cheat."

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) recently took to the Senate floor to call on his colleagues to pass an updated version of the Voting Rights Act. During his speech, he commented

on Judge Marbley's ruling and railed again voting "laws passed by an ultra-conservative state legislature in Columbus."

"We're the only advanced democracy in the world where there's actually efforts to restrict access to the ballot box," he said.

A voter ID bill has already been introduced this General Assembly. The measure (HB 189), put forth by Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell), has yet to receive a committee hearing.

Legislation Aligns Health Assessments For Hospitals, Public Health Districts In Effort To Improve Population Health Planning

Nonprofit hospitals and local health districts will have to complete health assessments along the same three-year cycles starting next year, according to legislation signed recently by Gov. John Kasich.

The requirement was part of a broader budget update bill (HB 390) the governor signed Tuesday. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 28, 2016)

Aligning the assessment periods is designed to make it easier for hospitals and their local public health officials to work together on setting priorities, according to the Governor's Office of Health Transformation.

Hospitals have already been conducting their health assessments in three-year cycles, but local health districts have been doing so on five-year cycles. The change eliminates one of the barriers to cooperation between hospitals and local health districts, said Beth Bickford, executive director of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners.

"The whole idea is to encourage hospitals and local health departments, both of which have requirements in this regard, to try to work more closely together and to get their planning aligned so hopefully they can feed off each other's work and get some synergy in communities to achieve their health outcomes," she said in an interview.

"It is a bit of a daunting task to completely solve the problem, but I think this effort to set the three-year interval is an effort to try to at least align things from a timing perspective," she added.

There are other hurdles that hinder cooperation, she said, including geography. Hospitals and health districts don't always serve the same areas.

John Palmer, a spokesman for the Ohio Hospital Association, said hospitals already work with health districts on community health assessments, but the change will make that cooperation even easier.

"This new provision will strengthen involvement and support collaboration for our members and their partners that will benefit Ohioans and our communities," he said in an email.

One concern for local public health officials is the added cost and effort of producing the assessments every three years as opposed to every five, Ms. Bickford said.

"They're concerned about taxing their community partners with a process that is a time investment," she said. "There's a fair amount of concern about the extra time, money and asking others to commit their time as well to have it done more frequently."

The assessments look at a number of health factors affecting their communities, including rates of smoking, chronic conditions, risk factors and infectious diseases, Ms. Bickford said. Getting better information and coordinating efforts more will improve the picture health officials have of their communities' concerns.

"We can do a better job of seeing whether or not we're moving the needle on some of these health indicators," she said.

The change is also part of a broader state goal of aligning health assessments and planning to affect overall population health outcomes, according to a presentation by OHT. That broader goal includes a state health assessment, a draft of which was released last week (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 27, 2016), and a state health improvement plan slated for the fall.

Ohio's Competitive Marketplace Driving Lower-Than-Average Policy Rates, Insurance Leaders Say

Ohio's insurance marketplace is among the largest in the country and a plethora of companies call the state home - both factors that play a part in residents paying lower-than-average rates for casualty and property policies, according to the Department of Insurance.

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, who also serves as director of ODI, pointed to a recently released 2015 market share report of state-licensed property and casualty groups as proof that Ohio's policies continue to drive low insurance rates and make the state a preferable place to do business

"We are focused on protecting consumers and fostering a competitive marketplace that is efficiently regulated," she said in a statement. "Positive results are being realized on multiple fronts."

There are nearly 1,000 property and casualty companies in the state's marketplace and about 140 of those are headquartered in Ohio, she said in an ODI release. State Farm, which is headquartered in Indiana, has the largest market share, holding 12.6% of all policies.

Meanwhile, Columbus-based Nationwide and Illinois-based Allstate are tied for second place at 6.7% and Progressive, which is headquartered in Mayfield, had the fourth largest market share, the report shows.

Dean Fadel, vice president of government relations for the Ohio Insurance Institute, said the market share report findings are "another demonstration of the competitive nature of the environment" that has been fostered in the state.

"We have the third most companies in the nation vying for Ohio consumers which is translated to us getting below national average rates on homeowners and auto insurance," he said in an interview. "I think when you factor in the urbanization and the traffic in Ohio, we arguably have the lowest rates in the nation."

"It's a marketplace where companies are allowed to compete, they're allowed to use within the regulatory schemes the most modernized ways of providing the product and we don't have a lot of insolvencies," Mr. Fadel added.

Ohio's average auto and homeowners premiums are \$515 below the national averages, according to a 2013 National Association of Insurance Commissioners analysis. Residents paid an average of \$763 for homeowners insurance and \$659 for auto insurance.

Employment opportunities have also been positively impacted by the state's thriving insurance industry, Ms. Taylor said.

Since 2011, she has led the charge to fill a projected 26,000 new insurance jobs by 2020 through an administration initiative called Insuring Ohio Futures. The effort includes partnerships between higher education institutions and industry leaders to create education and career pathways.

As a result, ODI reported that nine Ohio colleges and universities now offer insurance and risk management programs including bachelor, associate degrees short-term certification programs.

"We have been able to transform the landscape in just a few short years," Ms. Taylor said. "Educational programs exist that are ready to help Ohioans of all ages prepare for and claim good paying insurance jobs."

There are currently about 100,000 Ohioans working in the industry, earning the state the designation of having the seventh highest number of insurance employees in the country, according to an OII analysis. About one-third of those careers are in the property/casualty insurance field that the institute represents.

In total, more than 230 insurance companies in all segments of the industry call Ohio home, the institute reported.

Clinton To Open Ohio Campaign Offices, Leads Trump In Latest Fundraising Numbers

Hillary Clinton out fundraised opponent Donald Trump in the Buckeye State nearly eight-to-one for the month of May - even after the GOP field narrowed and the billionaire solidified himself as the last Republican standing.

Building on that momentum, Ms. Clinton's campaign announced Friday the campaign took in another \$40 million during June and said Tuesday that it will open 11 new offices across the state of Ohio in the coming week.

Those include offices in Cleveland, Toledo and Woodland, with phone banks to be established in Boardman, Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Hilliard and Trotwood. The campaign will also host a fundraiser in Lebanon and an organizing event in Delaware this week.

Mr. Trump's campaign, however, has been fairly quiet in Ohio, other than the recent hire of state campaign manager Bob Paduchik. The candidate visited the state for the first time post-primary last week. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 29, 2016)

Gov. John Kasich withdrew from the race May 4, clearing the way for Mr. Trump to focus on fundraising and other general election prep rather than seizing delegates. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 26, 2016)

But the latest Federal Election Commission filings from each campaign show that Ms. Clinton, who for much of May was battling Sen. Bernie Sanders for the Democratic nomination, raised \$153,447.22 from Ohioans between May 1-31. During that same time period Mr. Trump raised \$18,722.89 in the state.

Released last week, the numbers already showed that Mr. Trump and Ms. Clinton trailed their primary opponents in fundraising from Ohio donors. Sen. Sanders for example raised \$158,768 in Ohio while Sen. Ted Cruz led the Republican side despite his May 3 withdrawal. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 21, 2016)

As both campaigns shift toward the general election, however, the numbers highlight the breadth of Ms. Clinton's fundraising infrastructure compared to that of Mr. Trump's. The candidates entered June - their first full month as the presumptive nominees of their respective parties - with \$42.46 million in cash on hand for the Clinton campaign and nearly \$1.29 million in cash on hand for the Trump campaign.

Of the 57 states or territories in which both candidates received donations in May, Ms. Clinton raised more money by far in all of those areas. Her filing shows the former secretary of state raised nearly \$15.04 million from 64 territories or states, while Mr. Trump raised \$1.01 million from 56 states or territories along with a \$250 donation from a foreign country.

Ms. Clinton even outperformed Mr. Trump in right-leaning states - such as Texas, in which Ms. Clinton hauled in \$1.4 million compared to Mr. Trump's \$122,251. In their home state of New York, where Ms. Clinton was a U.S. Senator, that trend continued with Ms. Clinton earning nearly \$1.87 million compared to Mr. Trump's \$52,697.

In Ohio, Mr. Trump received donations from 25 counties in May - the largest of which were \$5,150 from Franklin County and \$2,700 each from supporters in Lorain and Miami counties. By comparison, Ms. Clinton earned donors in 76 Ohio counties, with the largest donations coming from urban areas - including \$35,818 from Cuyahoga County, \$29,038 from Hamilton County, and \$27,499 from Franklin County.

In response, the Trump campaign launched a fundraising blitz last week leading up to the second quarter FEC filing deadline of June 30th.

The campaign set a goal of raising \$10 million by the deadline, with the candidate's son, Eric Trump, telling supporters via email, "The truth is we did better than \$11 million and no amount of spin from Crooked Hillary's machine can change that fact."

The Clinton campaign, meanwhile, claims to have raised more than \$40 million during the month of June, with an additional \$28 million raised for the Democratic National Committee and state parties.

"Our first month of general election fundraising proved to be the best of the campaign," Campaign Manager Robby Mook said in a statement. "Thanks to the continued support of nearly 1.6 million people, we have been able to help Democrats build out an organizing infrastructure across the country that will mobilize millions of voters and help elect progressive candidates up and down the ballot."

The campaigns' second quarter filings, due July 15, will further show whether that funding gap persists.

Part of the contrast so far is thanks to Mr. Trump's limited fundraising efforts during the primary season. Although the campaign has accepted donations since it launched last year, it has mostly subsisted on loans from Mr. Trump to the campaign. The June filing shows the campaign has received \$45.7 million in loans from or guaranteed by the candidate during the election cycle.

Gov. Kasich, meanwhile, continues to try to aid down-ballot Republicans, including ally U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park). (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 29, 2016)

A Tuesday email from Kasich's suspended campaign - the second such missive in as many weeks from Kasich for America - highlighted several recent media reports showcasing "Kasich's efforts to help our party maintain the majority in the U.S. Senate and also about Gov. Kasich's ongoing popularity in national polls."

Politics Notebook: FBI Recommends No Charge Over Clinton Emails; ODP Blasts Latest Right-To Work Attempt; Advocates Press Kasich For Action On Hunger...

FBI Director James Comey said Tuesday he is recommending Hillary Clinton not be charged for her handling of classified information via a personal email server while serving as secretary of state.

Still, he strongly chastised the Democratic presumptive nominee and her staff for being "extremely careless" in her handling of sensitive information.

"Although we did not find clear evidence that Secretary Clinton or her colleagues intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, there is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

Of the 30,000 emails provided by Ms. Clinton and the State Department in December 2014, the FBI determined 100 emails in 52 email chains contained classified information at the time they were sent or received. Eight of those contained information that was "Top Secret" when sent, 36 contained information that was marked "Secret," and eight contained "Confidential" information.

Director Comey said there were several examples of email communication regarding Top Secret/Special Access Program level information and that it is reasonable for a person in Ms. Clinton's position or her staff to "have known that an unclassified system was no place for that conversation."

Mr. Comey said his recommendation to the Department of Justice, which has the final determination on the matter, was based on a lack of willful intent to violate statute and was reached in "an entirely apolitical and professional way."

"In looking back at our investigations into mishandling or removal of classified information, we cannot find a case that would support bringing criminal charges on these facts," he said. "All the cases prosecuted involved some combination of: clearly intentional and willful mishandling of classified information; or vast quantities of materials exposed in such a way as to support an inference of intentional misconduct; or indications of disloyalty to the United States; or efforts to obstruct justice. We do not see those things here."

A Clinton spokesman said, "We are glad that this matter is now resolved," adding that Ms. Clinton has "long said it was a mistake to use her personal email and she would not do it again."

Republicans at all levels were quick to criticize the FBI's recommendation, with Ohio Republican Party Chairman Matt Borges calling the findings "a clear indictment on Hillary Clinton's lack of preparedness and judgment to be commander-in-chief."

"This wouldn't have been an issue had Hillary Clinton followed the law like everybody else and used a State Department account," Mr. Borges said. "Instead, Hillary Clinton set up an email system less secure than Gmail for herself to evade the rules because she didn't want people to know what she was doing."

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton likewise criticized the FBI.

"Frankly, there's a disconnect between Comey's devastating findings and his weak recommendation not to prosecute Hillary Clinton," Mr. Fitton said. "Federal prosecutors, independent of politics, need to consider whether to pursue the potential violations of law confirmed by the FBI."

Right to Work: Rep. John Becker (R-Union Twp.) on Friday introduced a bill to make Ohio a right-to-work state, triggering an immediate reaction from state Democrats.

Critics compared the measure (HB 583) to a previous bill that that passed in 2011 only to be overwhelmingly overturned by voters (SB5, 129th General Assembly). Since then, Gov. John Kasich has repeatedly said right-to-work legislation is not on his agenda.

The latest bill would remove any requirement under collective bargaining law that public employees must join or pay dues to any employee organization.

Carolyn Best, spokeswoman for Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), said a decision about where the bill is headed has yet to be made.

"Since the bill was just introduced last week, the Speaker has not yet had a chance to fully review the legislation. When committee and House session resume in the fall, the caucus will discuss the bill further," she said.

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper called the bill a "sneak attack on Ohio's working families for the lame duck session."

"Ohio Democrats strongly oppose this ideological attack on Ohio's working families, which will drive down wages, benefits and overall living standards for all Ohio worker," Mr. Pepper said. "It's time for real leadership in Ohio, and it's time for Gov. John Kasich to state unequivocally that he will veto any 'right to work' bill that is sent to his desk."

Hunger: Advocates are continuing to lobby Gov. John Kasich to request full federal food assistance for eligible counties and communities.

The call follows a recent Policy Matters Ohio report that examines communities eligible for a federal waiver of time limits in 2017. The deadline for the waiver request is this summer.

But the state has not submitted such requests in the last three years, prompting Policy Matters and others to urge Gov. Kasich to action.

"The failure to request a waiver of time limits in all eligible areas has hurt people in urban areas like Cleveland, but also in rural places, like Vinton County," PMO Senior Project Director Wendy Patton said. "We again call on the Kasich administration to maximize its use of federal resources so that hungry Ohioans can meet their most basic need - food."

Joining in the call were the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, the Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio, the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, the Ohio Poverty Law Center, and the Ohio Council of Churches.

U.S. Senate Race: The campaign of U.S. Sen. Rob Portman launched a \$1 million statewide TV ad campaign aimed at highlighting the Terrace Park Republican's record of "standing up to China and fighting for Ohio Workers."

China and trade have been a sticking point between the incumbent and Democratic challenger and former Gov. Ted Strickland, with both throwing continued barbs at their rival's record on the topic.

The latest ad, called "Steel," focuses on Burke Byer of Cincinnati's Byer Steel as he describes an unfair playing field between American and Chinese workers.

"Our new ad highlights Rob's long record of fighting for Ohio manufacturers and workers like those at Cincinnati's Byer Steel," Portman spokeswoman Michawn Rich said. "Rob is the only candidate in this race with a record of standing up to China. Rob is leading the fight to stop China's currency manipulation and level the playing field on trade so Ohio workers can compete and win."

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No agency meetings scheduled.

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No events scheduled.

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Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, July 6

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) fundraiser, Historic Parlor and Conservatory, 348 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, 5 p.m., (Event Host: \$1000; Couple: \$150, Individual: \$100 to Friends of John Eklund)

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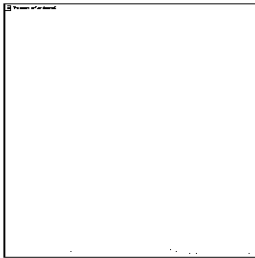
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News Alert

Understanding Ohio's tax scheme for expanding Medicaid is taxing to say the least. And now it will cost Ohio -- \$1.1 billion. The Buckeye Institute saw this problem three years ago and offered solutions. We still are.

The stories below detail Ohio's forthcoming budget shortfall and include The Buckeye Institute's warnings on the expiring federal loophole to "pay" for Medicaid.

The Columbus Dispatch

Buckeye Institute on sales tax: Told you so

As Jim Siegel wrote this week in the *Dispatch*:

"The Buckeye Institute knew this was very likely to happen," said Greg Lawson, senior policy analyst for the conservative think tank.

Ohio is facing a revenue shortage because the federal government is putting an end to the state's application of the sales tax (state and local) to

Medicaid managed care organizations. The tax has allowed the state to bring in hundreds of millions of dollars per year in federal matching dollars, while also allowing counties and transit authorities to benefit through their piggyback sales taxes.

[Click here for the full story.](#)

Statehouse News Bureau

Think Tank Critical Of Medicaid Expansion Says "Told You So" To Possible Budget Problem

In a story today by the Statehouse News Bureau, Buckeye's Greg Lawson was interviewed by Karen Kasler who noted:

Gov. John Kasich's Medicaid expansion included a sales tax on Medicaid managed care organizations, which has brought in a billion dollars in tax revenue and matching federal money. A lot of that goes to county governments and local transit authorities. The feds now say the state can't charge that tax. Greg Lawson with the Buckeye Institute has been critical of the plan since the beginning. "We really do hate to have to be the ones to say, 'I told you so,' because the reality is this was a situation that was imminently foreseeable."

[Click here to listen to the full interview.](#)

The Buckeye Institute will continue to sound the alarm on irresponsible government measures and identify solutions for strengthening health care and the economy. For The Buckeye Institute's 2015 paper, "Medicaid Expansion Relies on Uncertain Funding," [click here.](#)

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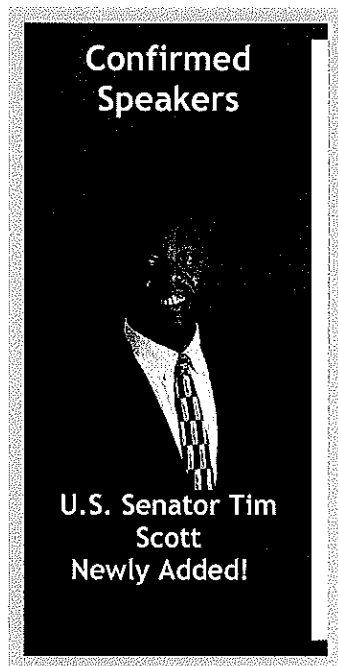
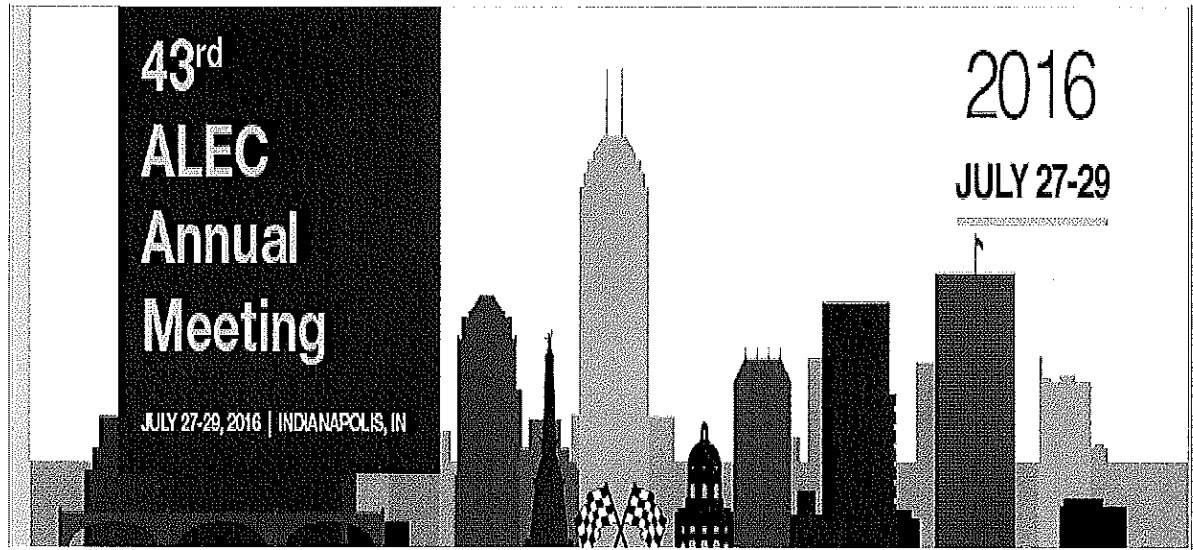
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Stakeholders Point To New Charter Laws As Closures Increase, ODE Denies All Sponsorship Applications

In the wake of updated charter school laws, the list of buildings closing this summer is longer than ever and the Department of Education has declined to sponsor any new schools that submitted applications.

At the end of the fiscal year, 20 charter schools did not sign new sponsor contracts and will close their doors, according to ODE. Of those, 11 were given notice in January that their sponsors were dropping them, typically because of poor academic performance, while the other half closed voluntarily. (Closure List)

More than 100 other schools have shut down in the last five years, but this year's group is the largest since June 30, 2014 when 19 schools did not sign new contracts.

A handful of the schools that were given notice that their contracts wouldn't be renewed applied to ODE's Office of School Sponsorship, which can sponsor start-up schools and take over existing schools looking for new sponsors.

None of the 10 schools that sought new sponsorship were approved, however - a first for the department, according to application records from previous years. (Sponsorship Applicants)

Charter schools sponsors and supporters point to tighter closure and sponsorship laws (HB 2) as a cause for this year's stats.

Ron Adler, president of the Ohio Coalition for Quality Education, said it's likely that schools will continue to close in higher numbers each year because of sponsors' concerns about how their schools' state report card scores will impact their evaluations.

"I think that there are probably some schools being closed that probably need to be closed. However, I think sponsors today, with some of the criteria that has come through the Ohio Department of Education that has made it almost impossible and created penalties, they don't want to sponsor some schools," he said.

"We've got some sponsors that are very good at turning around schools and (ODE) has created such a fear factor that sponsors are hesitant for their own existence to help and improve the schools."

The new sponsor evaluations, which are detailed in the latest charter school legislation and overseen by ODE, factor in quality, compliance and academic performance.

Sponsors that don't score well in those areas could face losing their ability to continue sponsoring schools.

Sponsors have said they're prepared for poor showings in the performance category because of lower state test scores across the board. Unlike traditional schools, charters were not granted safe harbor from impacts related to report card results reflecting new standardized exams.

In addition to calling out lawmakers for failing to provide them with safe harbor, sponsors have also recently complained that it will be impossible to meet deadlines for producing compliance documentation that was requested by ODE as a result of the new laws. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 30, 2016)

"I think that House Bill 2 is being revered by some," Mr. Adler said in an interview. "I see it as all compliance, compliance, compliance. It is 106 pages of rules, regulations and mandates that just make it more difficult to operate and improve achievement."

Chad Aldis, vice president of Ohio policy and advocacy for the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, agreed that it is likely sponsors gave consideration to the new evaluations when making closure decisions this year.

But, he said he's hopeful that any needed tweaks can be made to both the laws and as the new procedures play out over the next few years.

"There are a lot of good charter schools and we wouldn't want to see them closed as a result of this and you also wouldn't want to see sponsors so afraid of the provisions that they won't open potentially new, strong, innovative schools that could really make a difference for kids," Mr. Aldis said.

"I think what we're in right now is a little bit of a correction phase and hopefully sponsors will have confidence in their decisions and continue to open schools when the school is likely to be successful."

Five sponsors in the state have plans to open 10 start-up schools for the 2016-17 school year, according to ODE. (Potential New Schools List)

ODE's Office of School Sponsorship will be evaluated with all other sponsors, but is not impacted by the new rating system that could prohibit a sponsor from taking on new schools or put a sponsor out of business.

However, the office took a more discerning approach this year when reviewing applications for taking over existing schools or aiding start-up operations.

"A top priority for the Ohio Department of Education is a strong system of accountability for all schools in our state, including charter schools and their sponsors," agency spokeswoman Brittany Halpin said. "Provisions in the recent charter school reform

legislation strengthen the department's ability to support high quality options for the state's students."

In the past, the department was required to sponsor any school that followed the application process correctly, but new laws allow it to deny schools that aren't meeting certain standards.

Mr. Aldis called the update that allowed it to decline all of this year's applications a "smart change."

"If (ODE) is going to sponsor schools, it should absolutely be able to determine whether the schools are performing well before it just takes one on," he said in an interview.

It's possible schools will continue to close at the same pace in coming years because House Bill 2 also put in place some guardrails to limit so-called "sponsor-hopping," Mr. Aldis said.

Updated laws prohibit charter schools from seeking new sponsorship if they don't meet fiscal management or performance requirements.

"The ability for lower performing schools to change sponsors is not what it used to be, so when you see the overall number of closures, some of those in the past might have gone on to a different sponsor and that can't happen now," he said.

Medicaid Underspending Driven By Increased Enrollment In Expansion Program, Administration Says

The Kásich administration credits an improving economy and a more accurate eligibility determination system with driving nearly \$1.3 billion in Medicaid underspending last fiscal year.

The Medicaid program finished the year spending about \$926 million less than expected from the General Revenue Fund, and nearly \$1.3 billion less than expected from all funds, according to the Governor's Office of Health Transformation.

The underspending continues a longtime trend in the program covering multiple administrations. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, July 6, 2016)

According to OHT, the program enrolled about 3 million Ohioans on an average monthly basis during fiscal year 2016, about 32,000 below projections. While the overall enrollment was below projections, the number of people enrolled in the expansion group, which is completely funded by federal dollars, increased by 26,000.

Meanwhile, the number of people enrolled in the traditional program, which is partially funded by the state, was 58,000 below the estimate, according to OHT.

The administration said part of this shift is due to an improving economy - as people make more money, they move out of traditional Medicaid and into the expansion group, which includes people making up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

OHT also credited a new and more accurate system to determine eligibility, which assigns new enrollees to the proper category and moves them off the program as their finances improve.

Total Medicaid spending from all funding sources was \$25.3 billion, of which nearly \$17 billion came through the General Revenue Fund.

The federal share of Medicaid spending last fiscal year was \$715 million, or 3.9%, below the original budget estimate, while the state's share was \$550 million, or 6.7%, below the original estimate, according to OHT.

In fiscal year 2015, the Department of Medicaid reported total Medicaid spending of \$1.9 billion below the original budget estimate.

That year, enrollment for the expansion group was more than 152,000 above the original estimate, while enrollment in the traditional program was 192,000 below estimate.

November Ballot Won't Include Any Citizen-Initiated Amendments, Statutes; Some Groups Set Sights On 2017

No citizen-initiated issues will appear on November's ballot, Secretary of State Jon Husted announced Thursday, a day after the deadline to file petitions for proposed constitutional amendments and initiated statutes.

A few high-profile efforts to reach the ballot were made this year, including two related to medical marijuana and one related to prescription drug prices, but none of those issues found a place on the ballot in November.

Backers of an initiated statute designed to lower the cost of prescription drugs will aim for 2017, said Michael Weinstein, president of the California-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which supported the measure.

Supporters of the proposal, called the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act, initially gathered enough signatures to bring it before the legislature, where no action was taken, but a review of those petitions by the secretary of state's office delayed the collection of signatures, prompting lawsuits by the initiated statute's supporters in state and federal courts. Both cases were dismissed after Mr. Husted transmitted the proposal to the General Assembly. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 19, 2016)

In an email, Mr. Weinstein said the proposal will have to wait for next year after the delays.

"We will go for 2017," he said. "We are collecting and will submit sufficient signatures within the 90 days allowed."

Another lawsuit, filed by industry groups challenging the petition signatures gathered for the initiated statute, is ongoing. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 8, 2016)

A proposal dealing with lawmaker lobbying, called Ethics First - You Decide Ohio, also made a push for the ballot. The Ballot Board divided the issue into three different issues, a decision the amendment's backers challenged in the Ohio Supreme Court. The Court dismissed that challenge in May. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2016)

Ronald Alban, one of the proposal's backers, said in an email that they have no intention of moving forward with the proposal.

Two citizen-initiated proposals to legalize medical marijuana, one backed by the Washington-based Marijuana Policy Project and the other by a group called Grassroots Ohio, will also not appear on the ballot after an early push in the wake of last year's failed Issue 3 vote.

The MPP-backed Ohioans for Medical Marijuana group announced it would not pursue the ballot after lawmakers passed a bill (HB 523) in May creating a medical marijuana system. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 31, 2016)

Backers of Grassroots Ohio have said they are pushing forward with their proposal, which would create a constitutional right to possess marijuana for a medical purpose, with an eye on the 2017 ballot.

High Court Set To Hear Two Death Penalty Cases, Along With Four Other Cases Next Week

The Ohio Supreme Court will hear appeals in two death penalty cases next week.

In one case, an Akron man convicted of the 2011 murders of his children's mother and her boyfriend plans to raise 14 legal claims in appealing both his sentence and conviction.

David Spaulding, who was sentenced to death for the 2011 murder of Erica Singleton and Ernest Thomas, will argue that he received ineffective legal counsel because both of his attorneys were not present for all proceedings in the case, that a witness' statement should have been suppressed and that he was denied legal counsel during interrogation.

Ms. Singleton obtained a civil protection order against Mr. Spaulding on Dec. 1, 2011, following a string of domestic violence incidents. However, two weeks later, Mr. Spaulding showed up at the place Ms. Singleton was staying with Mr. Thomas. He first shot another tenant, Patrick Griffin, who was paralyzed by the shooting, before killing Ms. Singleton and Mr. Thomas in their driveway.

In January 2013, a jury convicted Mr. Spaulding of aggravated murder, attempted murder and violation of a protection order.

In the second case, a Medina County man will argue that seven claims of legal and procedural errors should afford him a new trial.

Steven Cepec will claim that, among other issues, he was prejudiced by statements in court about a prior burglary conviction, that the trial court should have held a hearing on the competency of a witness and that his constitutional rights were violated because police continued to question him after he asked for a lawyer.

Mr. Cepec was convicted of murder, aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary following the 2010 death of Frank Munz, who was found bludgeoned with a hammer and strangled with a lamp cord.

Police arrived on the scene while Mr. Cepec was still in the home after receiving a call from Mr. Munz's nephew, Paul Munz, whose testimony at trial was called into question in the appeal. Upon arrival by the police, Mr. Cepec fled on foot. He was later found nearby hiding under a bush, the court reported.

The high court will hear four other cases next week:

- In *re Application of Buckeye Wind*, the high court will hear arguments from Champaign County residents that a hearing should be held on amended construction plans for the state's first wind-powered generation facility. The Power Siting Board approved a construction application in 2010 and the developer proposed revision to the plans in 2013.
- In *Disciplinary Counsel v. Joltin*, disciplinary counsel will object to the professional conduct board's proposed sanctions on a Canfield attorney found to have mishandled client funds, mismanaged his client trust account and not fully cooperated with the investigation. The professional conduct board proposed a sanction of two years, with 18 months stayed under certain conditions. However, disciplinary counsel will argue for an indefinite suspension.
- In *Defiance County v. Testa*, the court will consider whether the tax commissioner lawfully denied a Defiance County commissioner's request to transfer \$2.5 million from the county landfill fund to pay for emergency repairs to the county courthouse and to make renovations to meet federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
- In *Foley v. University of Dayton*, the court will decide what the statute of limitations is for filing a negligent misidentification claim and whether absolute privilege or qualified privilege shield the defendants' statements to law enforcement.

June Revenue Down At Most Casinos, All Racinos

Overall revenue at Ohio's four casinos was down in June, with three of them seeing decreases from May, according to the Casino Control Commission.

The four casinos took in \$62.9 million in revenue in June, down from \$66.5 million in May and the lowest total of the year so far, according to revenue reports. Last June, the casinos brought in \$63.5 million, the lowest monthly total of the year.

Video lottery terminals at the state's racinos brought in a total of \$70.7 million in June, down from \$78.2 million in May. They ended the fiscal year with nearly \$869 million in revenue, up from \$773 million in fiscal year 2015. (VLT reports)

JACK Cleveland was the only Ohio casino to see an uptick in revenue in June, bringing in \$16.3 million compared to just over \$16 million in May, according to revenue reports. The casino was closed for 40 hours in May while it rebranded from Horseshoe Cleveland to JACK Cleveland.

Of JACK Cleveland's revenue, \$8.7 million came from table games, while \$7.6 came from slot machines, according to the report. The casino's monthly revenue was up nearly \$2 million from \$14.4 million in June 2015.

JACK Cincinnati saw the biggest drop in revenue in June, bringing in \$14.1 million compared to \$16.2 million the month before. JACK Cincinnati was closed for 40 hours in June to rebrand from Horseshoe Cincinnati. Of its revenue in June, \$9.4 million came from slot machines and \$4.6 million came from table games. Last June, the casino brought in \$16.1 million.

Hollywood Columbus saw revenue drop by more than \$860,000, falling from nearly \$17.8 million in May to more than \$16.9 million in June. Slot machines accounted for \$11.8 million in revenue, while table games accounted for \$5.1 million. Last June, the casino's revenue was \$16.4 million.

Hollywood Toledo saw revenue drop nearly \$900,000 to \$15.6 million in June, with more than \$13 million coming from slot machines and \$2.6 million coming from table games. Last June, the casino took in \$16.6 million.

Racinos: VLT revenue at all seven of the states racinos declined from May to June, with Scioto Downs seeing the largest decrease, dropping nearly \$1.7 million from just under \$13.5 million in May to just under \$11.8 million in June.

At Hard Rock Racino Northfield Park, revenue fell more than \$1.5 million to \$17.9 million in June, while at Miami Valley Gaming it fell by nearly \$1.5 million to \$10.8 million.

Revenue at JACK Thistledown Racino fell by more than \$941,000 to \$9.1 million. At Hollywood Mahoning Valley Race Course, it fell by nearly \$806,000 to \$7.6 million. Revenue at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway fell more than \$693,000 to just under \$7 million in June, and revenue at Belterra Park fell more than \$457,000 to \$6.4 million.

Cleveland, Akron To Join White House Mentorship Initiative

U.S. Sen Sherrod Brown will be joined by administration officials this week in Northeast Ohio to expand an initiative that aims to provide mentoring and opportunities for boys and young men of color.

My Brother's Keeper, a program launched by President Obama in 2014, is coming to Akron and Cleveland Friday, the Avon Democrat announced in a Thursday call with reporters.

They will join Dayton, Columbus, Massillon, East Cleveland and Berea in becoming MBK communities that provide mentorship and resources. Sen. Brown said Cincinnati is also preparing to take part in the initiative.

"It's up to all of us to ensure that all our children - regardless of their zip code or the color of their skin - have the opportunity to succeed," he said. "And I hope more cities across our state will accept the My Brother's Keeper Challenge, and work toward that goal."

Nearly 250 communities have agreed to be part of the MBK Challenge, said Broderick Johnson, chair of president's MBK Task Force. Partnerships in those communities have resulted in more than \$600 million in grants and in-kind resources.

One of the latest drives of the initiative is to link sixth and ninth graders with mentors who can provide support and encouragement to go to school and work toward graduation, he said. Cleveland will be among 30 communities in the country that will provide those mentors focused on reducing chronic absences from school.

Federal agencies also recently partnered to launch the Second Chance Pell pilot program under the MBK umbrella, Mr. Johnson said. It allows 67 colleges and universities - including Ashland University - to provide Pell Grants to 12,000 inmates.

"We're working to make sure the various departments of the federal government that are part of the MBK Task Force continue to look at the programs they have and collaborate on programs to make sure that we can better target federal resources and partnerships with the private sector so that every child in this country has a clear pathway to success, really from crib through college and career," he said during the call.

MBK Mentor Quinn Howard said the program is working in Dayton to provide positive role models for young men of color.

The starting point for Dayton's mentorship program is to help youth "see themselves as contributors to the community," he said.

"Young men in our community need to see positive role models that they can emulate," Mr. Howard said. "It is important not only to provide young men with direction and guidance but to also build nurturing relationships through listening and understanding."

Mentoring young men with basic fundamental values will hopefully provide them with a sense of purpose that can help can help them succeed in life."

In Cincinnati, Trump Expands On Controversies; ODP Blasts Billionaire's Business Record

Before Donald Trump took the stage in Cincinnati Wednesday evening, he was expected to use the speech to hammer Hillary Clinton over recent events pertaining to her use of a private email server.

Instead, he spent most of his time stoking further controversy over his recent comments on Saddam Hussein and doubling down in his defense of an image he tweeted that has been deemed to be anti-Semitic.

The GOP presumptive nominee did strike out at Ms. Clinton in his stream-of-consciousness remarks, deriding an FBI recommendation that she not be charged and, in a tangent, likening her to a mosquito when one landed on his lectern.

"It's a disgrace," he said. "She has got bad judgment."

But the candidate spent more than two-thirds of his more than one-hour long speech seeking to explain his own controversies in recent days, effectively fanning the media attention those remarks have received.

That includes controversy over Mr. Trump's Saturday tweet featuring a picture of Ms. Clinton against a backdrop of dollar bills with a six-pointed star containing the text "Most corrupt politician ever."

The tweet drew criticism from those contending the graphic is rooted in anti-Semitism, but Mr. Trump has since said the star is less a Star of David and more of a "sheriff's badge" and that it is the media, not his campaign, that is being prejudicial.

"(The media's) profiling," he told the Sharonville crowd. "Not us. Because why are they bringing this up?"

Mr. Trump, in his most expansive remarks on the topic yet, said he was disappointed his staff took down the tweet.

He also expanded on his prior remarks at a Tuesday rally and in interviews in which he seemingly praised Saddam Hussein for dispatching terrorists. House Speaker Paul Ryan and others have criticized the remarks.

In his comments Wednesday, Mr. Trump said it was inaccurate to characterize his comments as "praise" for the fallen dictator.

"I said Saddam Hussein is a bad man...but he did one thing well: he killed terrorists," Mr. Trump said. "I wake up and turn on the television: 'Donald Trump loves Saddam Hussein.' That's not what I said."

In a one-on-one interview with the Cincinnati Enquirer, Mr. Trump said, "That's not praising Saddam Hussein. I would say maybe it's the opposite."

The interview seemingly led a Trump spokeswoman to attempt to "dress down" the reporter for "disrespectful questioning," according to tweets of the exchange from the journalist.

"I said Trump's the GOP candidate for president and tough questions are part of the job," the reporter tweeted. "(Trump press secretary Hope Hicks) said as a candidate he deserves respect."

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a potential VP pick, also appeared at the rally, though his appearance was overshadowed in media reports by Mr. Trump's speech.

He accused the Clintons of corruption and questioned the timing of the recent FBI announcement. He also took a swipe at Gov. John Kasich, who has declined to endorse the billionaire, saying that although the governor "is a good friend of mine, it's about time he got on the Trump bandwagon."

Democrats: State Party Chairman David Pepper and Columbus City Councilmember Jaiza Page held a press conference on the steps of Columbus City Hall Thursday, responding to Mr. Trump's remarks and seeking to cast him as a failed businessman.

Mr. Pepper contrasted Mr. Trump's Cincinnati appearance with Ms. Clinton's Ohio visit last week, saying of Mr. Trump's speech "I don't even know how to characterize what a disturbing speech it was." (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 27, 2016)

Organized by the Clinton campaign, the event was the latest in a line of attacks from Clinton supporters on Mr. Trump's business dealings in Atlantic City, which they contend includes bankruptcies, failures to pay contractors and the loss of hundreds of jobs.

Mr. Trump has promised to bring the same level of success to running the country as he has to his business ventures.

"(In Atlantic City,) Trump came out on top but the city didn't," Mr. Pepper said. "It's not just Atlantic City. This is a pattern over the years all around the country.... We just can't let Donald Trump do to Ohio, do to Columbus, what he did to Atlantic City and what he's done to innocent Americans all over the state through his business actions and scams."

Court Briefs: Buckeye Institute Files Brief In 'Golden Week' Lawsuit; Former Mayor Legally Fired From Lottery Commission Post...

The Buckeye Institute has joined the battle over whether Ohioans should have a five-day window in which they can register to vote and cast ballots on the same day.

The group has filed a brief in the U.S. Sixth District Court of Appeals supporting Secretary of State Jon Husted's challenge to a lower court ruling that found the elimination of "Golden Week" to be a violation of the Voting Rights Act. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2016)

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Watson found that the elimination of Golden Week disproportionately impacted black voters in Ohio.

The Buckeye Institute, however, challenged that finding in its brief.

"The fact that African Americans previously used Golden Week at slightly higher rates does not suggest that they will somehow stop participating under the new law. All the minority voters who voted in Golden Week are ready and able to vote in the current four-week period, and there is no evidence suggesting they will not avail themselves of that broad opportunity," it reads.

Representing The Buckeye Institute in the case is Michael Carvin, an election and appellate law expert with the global Jones Day law firm.

"Plaintiffs argue that a federal law that has been on the books for 34 years suddenly requires Ohio to extend its already generous early voting and requires Ohio to permit same-day registration. The law does no such things," Mr. Carvin said in a statement. "Nor does it invalidate the laws of the 40 states that offer fewer voting days than Ohio."

Firing: The Court of Claims has found that former Seven Hills Mayor David Bentkowski was legally terminated from his post at the Lottery Commission.

Mr. Bentkowski, who was terminated in November 2012, alleged that his supervisor and the lottery's director of human resources engaged in discriminatory practices. He claimed Elizabeth Popadiuk made discriminatory remarks about Lottery Commission employees, which she denied, the high court reported.

Court of Claims Judge Patrick McGrath found that Mr. Bentkowski failed to prove that his firing was payback for claiming the employer was engaged in discriminating practices.

Pro Bono Work: Ohio attorneys provided pro bono work in 2015 to the tune of \$10.3 million, the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation and the Ohio Supreme Court reported Thursday.

More than 4,300 attorneys reported pro bono activity in 2015, accounting for about 76,300 hours of free legal service.

Another \$406,000 was donated to organizations that provide legal services to low-income Ohioans.

"We were excited that the number of attorneys who voluntarily reported their pro bono work more than doubled from last year," OLAF's Pro Bono and Communications Director Jane Taylor said in a statement. "I believe these results reflect the Court's continuing emphasis on access to justice for all and its strong commitment to ensuring that every Ohioan can get legal help, regardless of income."

Capitol Scene: Fadel Appointed Ohio Insurance Institute President

Longtime Ohio Insurance Institute staffer Dean Fadel will serve as the association's newest president, OII Board Chairman Tim Timmel announced Thursday.

Mr. Fadel, who has been with OII since 1988 and currently serves as its vice president of government relations, will transition to the new position over the next few weeks, according to the board.

He'll replace President Dan Kelso, who recently announced retirement plans. Mr. Kelso had led the association since 1989, when it merged with the Insurance Federation of Ohio, which he had overseen since 1977.

"We're confident that the association will continue making great strides on behalf of its members, Ohio's property/casualty (P/C) insurance companies, with a focus on maintaining the stable, affordable insurance environment that Ohio consumers have experienced for decades," Mr. Timmel said of the transition.

Supplemental Agency Calendar Wednesday, July 13

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

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Daily Activity Planner for Friday, July 8

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

Board of Building Standards, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room, Reynoldsburg, 10 a.m. (The Code Committee will meet immediately after the full board.)

State Emergency Response Commission, 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, 1:15 p.m.

Event Planner

Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) golf outing fundraiser, Mohawk Golf and Country Club, 4399 S. State Route 231, Tiffin, 8:30 a.m., (8:30am Light Breakfast and Registration; 10:00am Shotgun Start. Major Sponsor: \$2,500; Registration Sponsor: \$1,500; Scoreboard Sponsor: \$750; Foursome: \$600; Driving Range Sponsor: \$500; Beverage Cart Sponsor: \$250; Individual Golfer: \$175; Hole Sponsor: \$150 to Friends of Bill Reineke)
Summer Fridays at the Statehouse concert, West Steps, Statehouse, Columbus, 12 p.m., (RMT)

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 7/8/2016

Monday, July 11

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-4086), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 1:30 p.m.


Tuesday, July 12

Senate Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Seitz, B., 466-8068), Finance Hearing Rm., 1 p.m.

- Confirmation hearings on governor's appointments of Asim Haque and Howard Petricoff, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Thursday, July 21

Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Burke, D., 466-1731), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

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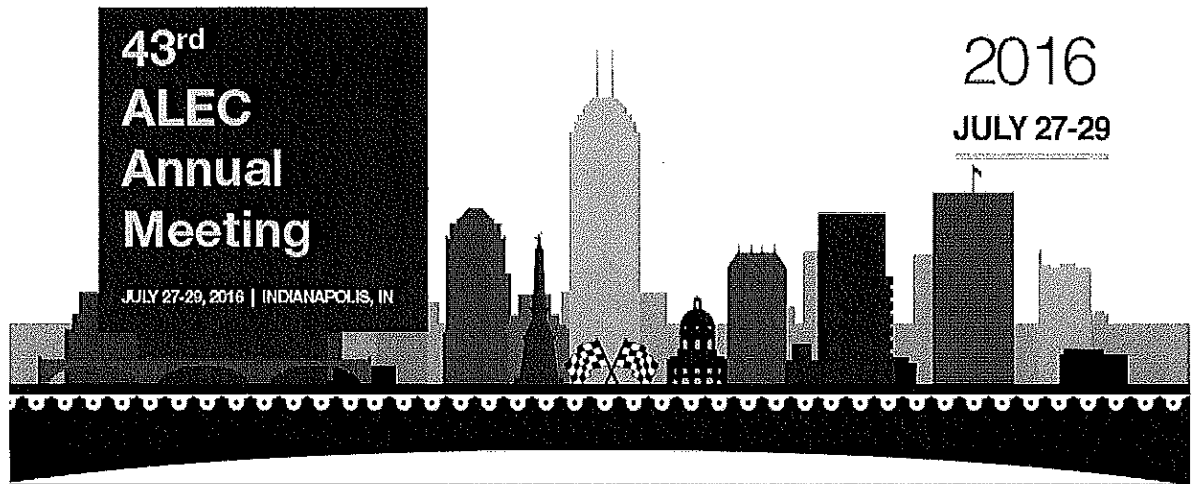
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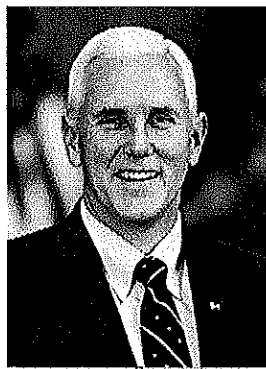
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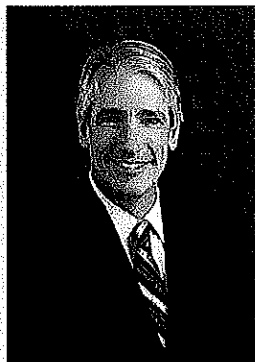


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Mr. John Tillman

John Tillman is the CEO of the Illinois Policy Institute and has transformed what many wrote off as a blue state into a place ripe for free market reform.



U.S. Representative Todd Rokita

Rep. Todd Rokita has served as a representative to Indiana's 4th congressional district since 2011. He serves and fights for all Hoosiers so they can build better lives for themselves and their families.



Mrs. Rebecca Friedrichs

Rebecca Friedrichs has been an school educator in California for 28 years. From April 2013-June 2016 she was lead plaintiff in a seminal federal lawsuit attempting to restore the First Amendment rights of free speech and free association to millions of public sector workers in the U.S.



Dr. Steve Perry

Dr. Perry is founder and principal of what U.S. News and World Report has cited as one of the top schools in the country - Capital Preparatory Magnet School - in Hartford, Conn. Dr. Steve Perry, nationally recognized as one of the most innovative educators on the scene, believes in universal educational choice.



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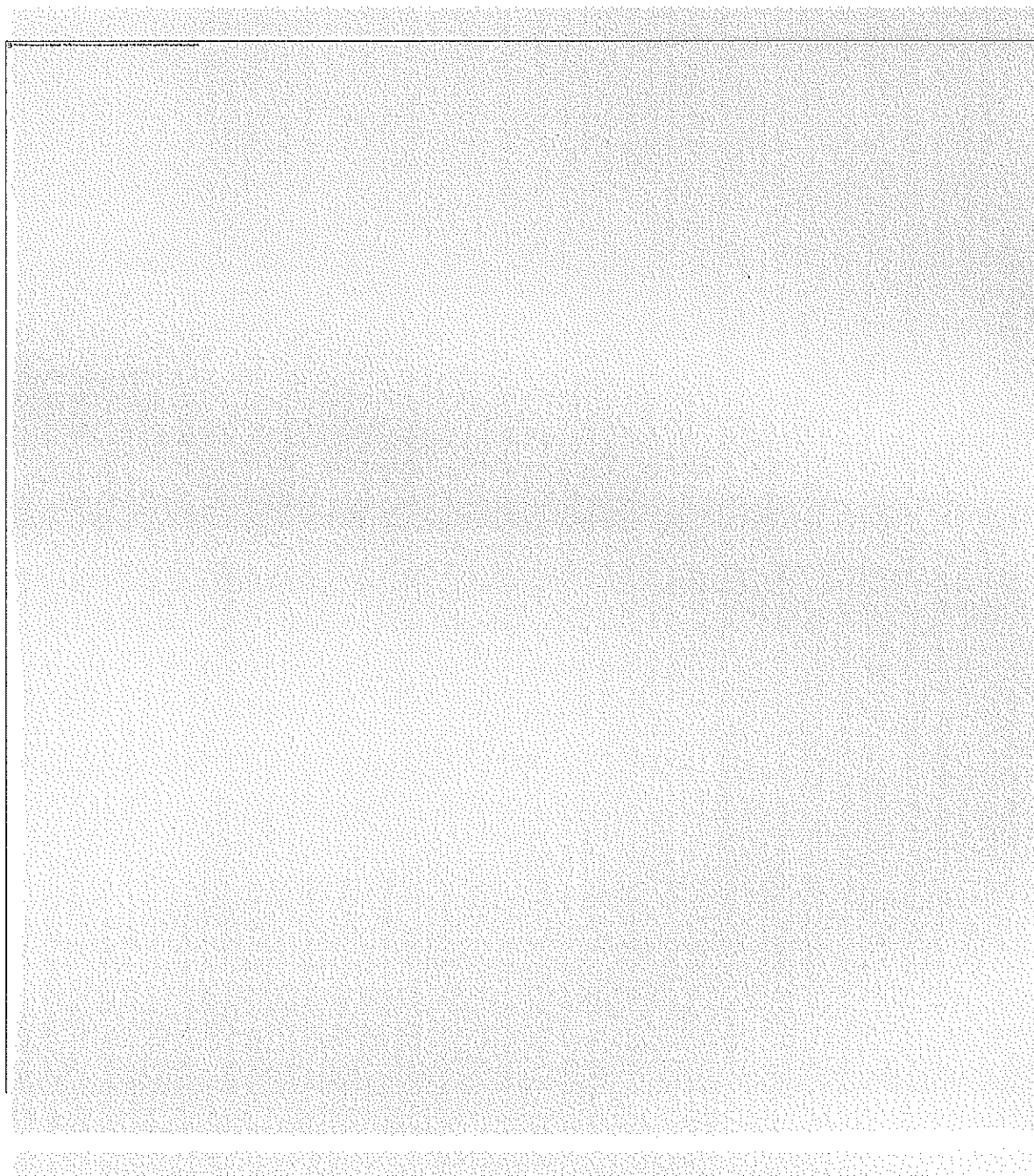
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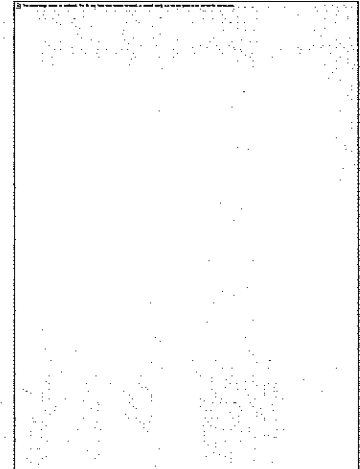


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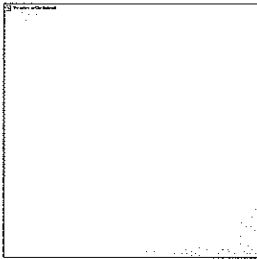
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To: Rep93
Subject: Ohio voters get a DC super lawyer



News Alert

Ohio's voting integrity is being threatened. And to ensure every Ohioan's vote counts, The Buckeye Institute is going to the courts with one of America's top lawyers.

This month, The Buckeye Institute's Legal Center filed two amicus briefs to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to defend Ohio's generous and nation-leading early voting laws. Representing Buckeye is Michael Carvin, a Washington, D.C. "super lawyer" who has argued numerous cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including a challenge to the Affordable Care Act.

Period for Absentee Voting

Buckeye's first filing supports Ohio's absentee voting period. On May 24, a federal judge overturned an Ohio General Assembly law, which set the state's early voting at 29 days. Challengers alleged that federal law requires Ohio to offer even more days of early voting. Secretary of State Jon Husted, who oversees Ohio's elections, noted that Ohio's 29-day period for casting absentee ballots puts the state in the top 10 nationwide for early voting.

Proof for Absentee Voting

The more recent filing by The Buckeye Institute challenges a judge's ruling that would allow voters to cast absentee and provisional ballots without

accurately providing their address and some form of non-photo ID, which is among the least restrictive identification requirements in the country. According to the judge, Ohio must repeal that requirement because it makes voting "less convenient" -- a decision The Buckeye Institute calls "stunning."

What Comes Next

The Buckeye Institute is not standing idly by while judges ignore legal precedent and cast aside state law intended to protect all voters. Its two legal filings will be considered next month, as both cases are expected to be argued the first week of August.

"With Ohio being the quintessential swing state, all eyes will be on our voting process this November," Robert Alt, president and CEO of The Buckeye Institute, said. "The Buckeye Institute is making sure all Ohioans, and all Americans, can have full confidence in the integrity of each ballot that is cast in our state."

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Founded in 1989, The Buckeye Institute is an independent research and educational institution--a think tank--whose mission is to advance free-market public policy in the states.

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To: Rep93
Subject: Jackson County Dog Pound

Dear Ryan,

Thank you for everything you do! I am the chairperson for Friends of the Pound Jackson County Ohio. We desperately need a new dog pound!

The Dog Warden and her staff do an excellent job and have a very low euthanasia rate. However, our current pound is built on the site of the old city dump! We have to pick up broken glass and metal bits just to let the dogs go out and run! It is inefficient. They heat with space heaters and still, ice comes in on the floor. Of course, it is not air conditioned and it gets so hot there inside that cinder block building. We have had a donor willing to donate up to \$10,000 for land for the new pound and there is about \$200,000 for "the dogs of Jackson County" but the commissioners tell me to raise \$250,000 more before they will consider building a new pound.

I will do my best to raise the funds but I am sure you know that is going to be hard in our small county! But we are going to need 5 acres on property with existing utilities and \$10,000 is not going to be enough for that according to the realtor I contacted (Nea Henry) and I have spoken with the EPA (Ralph Witte) as well as our county auditor's office regarding taxes. There are EPA requirements that must be met and the county probably won't be able to get a tax exemption for vacant land. I am sure the commissioners won't pay taxes on vacant land.

I do not know if you can help me in any way. Kim Spangler-Milliken encouraged me to contact you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sandra Smith
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Emerging Issues Forum 2016

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Registration is free for elected officials and staff, and a limited number of travel scholarships and hotel rooms are available to members of Heartland's Legislative Forum. We offer a two-year membership for \$99 and a lifetime membership for \$179, so your membership easily pays for itself! Not a member yet? [Register here.](#)

In addition to our current list of nationally renowned panelist speakers, we are excited to announce Rachel Campos-Duffy will be the keynote speaker at the event! Rachel is a parenting expert, author, blogger, political pundit, and television personality. She got her television start on the granddaddy of reality shows: MTV's *The Real World*.

For the past 14 years, Campos-Duffy has been a recurring guest host on ABC's *The View*, appearing more than 25 times, and she writes frequently for *The Today Show* blog, TodayMoms.com. Campos-Duffy has also been published by *National Review Online*, *The Huffington Post*, *The American Spectator*, Catholicvote.org, and NBCLatino.com, among others.

Currently, Campos-Duffy is the national spokesperson for The Libre Initiative, an organization that educates and advocates for the economic empowerment of Hispanics through limited government, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, congressman Sean Duffy, and her eight kids.

In addition to featuring some outstanding speakers, the EIF event will also have a social media workshop with Gabriella Hoffman. Hoffman is a young conservative blogger and political operative. She has worked for numerous organizations, including Media Research Center and the Leadership Institute. Her articles regularly appear in *Erick Erickson's* *The Desurgent*, *Townhall.com*, and *The Washington Times*. She has been interviewed by *FoxNews.com*, *Marie Claire*, *The Dan Rather Show* on The Blaze Radio, and she is a frequent guest on NRA News' *Cam and Company Show*.

Hoffman currently boasts 39,000 followers on Twitter and blogs at TheGabriellaHoffman.com. Her workshop will offer tips and strategies for effectively communicating your policy message on Facebook, Twitter, and on other social media platforms. He will also show lawmakers how to grow their following, share what to do and what not to do on social media, as well as provide some great social media resources. This is a must-attend session for any lawmaker communicating in our social-media-centric society.

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Energy & Environment. America has become a leader in energy production despite President Barack Obama's efforts to discourage the use of traditional energy sources, such as coal, natural gas, and oil. This panel will discuss the rise of hydraulic fracturing, demise of renewable power mandates, and other pro-environment, pro-energy, and pro-jobs solutions.

Budget & Taxes. States are seeking ways to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses to their states. Some states have been passing right-to-work laws, pushing tax reform, and reforming their public pension systems, while others have increased taxes and regulations. This panel will discuss which policies are working and which are not.

Education. Education outcomes in America continue to lag globally; the debate over Common Core State Standards remains heated; and educational choice options such as education savings accounts and charter schools continue to grow. This panel will analyze roadblocks to transforming education and will explore ways to improve access to a quality education.

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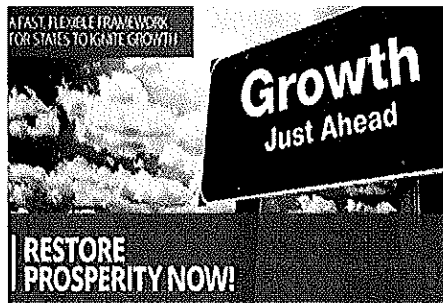
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Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: ALEC Annual Convention, Indianapolis

Panelists:

Stephen Moore, MA

Why explosive economic growth can result from zone-based deep regulatory and fiscal reforms.

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Project for Economic Growth, Heritage Foundation
National Spokesman, Compact for America Educational Foundation

Moore, who formerly wrote on the economy and public policy for The Wall Street Journal, is National Spokesman for Compact for America Educational Foundation and the Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Project for Economic Growth, at The Heritage Foundation. Moore, who also was a member of The Journal's editorial board, returned to Heritage in January 2014 -- about 25 years after his tenure as the leading conservative think tank's Grover M. Hermann Fellow in Budgetary Affairs from 1984 to 1987. He founded and served as president of the Club for Growth from 1999 to 2004.

Adrian Moore, PhD

Why market-based regulation through enforcement of property rights and contract law is superior to centrally-enacted and enforced regulation.

Vice President of Policy, Reason Foundation

Dr. Moore leads Reason's policy implementation efforts and conducts his own research on topics such as privatization, government and regulatory reform, air quality, transportation and urban growth, prisons and utilities. Dr. Moore regularly

advises federal, state and local officials on ways to streamline government and reduce costs. His work has been published in the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, Houston Chronicle, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Orange County Register, as well as in, Public Policy and Management, Transportation Research Part A, Urban Affairs Review, Economic Affairs, and numerous other publications.

Sam Batkins, JD

Living in the regulatory thicket: how federal rules affect consumers, workers, and the states.

Director of Regulatory Policy, American Action Forum

Sam Batkins focuses his research on examining the rulemaking efforts of administrative agencies and Congress. His work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Hill, Reuters, and The Washington Post, among other publications. He has testified before the U.S. House, Senate, and state legislatures across the country. Prior to joining the Forum, Batkins worked at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Institute for Legal Reform and the National Taxpayers Union. At the U.S. Chamber, he focused on lawsuit abuse, tort reform, and federal regulation. During his time at the National Taxpayers Union, he conducted studies on state and federal spending. Batkins received his B.A. in political science from Sewanee: The University of the South, where he graduated summa cum laude and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. He is a member of the Maryland Bar.

Nick Dranias, JD

Why an interstate compact is the launching pad to Restore Prosperity Now!

President & Executive Director, Compact for America Educational Foundation
Research Fellow & Policy Advisor, Heartland Institute

Dranias is a constitutional scholar and an expert in the law of interstate compacts. Dranias has written and published more than 50 articles in law and public policy, including law review articles, public policy reports, and opinion editorials focused in the law of interstate compacts, state sovereignty, regulatory reform and local governmental reform. He has appeared as a constitutional scholar on Fox News, MSN-NBC, NPR, and many other outlets. Previously, Dranias served as General Counsel, Policy Development Director and Constitutional Policy Director at the Goldwater Institute. Dranias led the Goldwater Institute's successful challenge to Arizona's system of government campaign financing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prior to that, Nick was an attorney with the Institute for Justice for three years and an attorney in private practice in Chicago for eight years.

Erick Brimen

How Prosperity Zones strike at the root cause of what holds our economy back.

Partner, NeWAY Capital

Senior Fellow, NeWAY Foundation

Since late 2014, Erick Brimen serves as a partner at NeWAY Capital, an asset management firm that invests in the profitable advancement of liberty. Erick started his career in private banking, working at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co - the oldest and largest private bank in the United States. He later moved to investment banking as a mergers and acquisition sell-side advisor for AG Edwards & Sons (now Wells Fargo), where he participated in transactions valued at over \$1.2 billion. After investment banking, Erick joined Ernst & Young's London consulting practice, where he advised buy-side private equity clients as they considered acquisition targets. Soon after, he was recruited by the Borealis Group to join as CFO of Latin American operations, leading the creation of multiple business units. When the time was right, Erick started his entrepreneurial career in the world of financial intermediation as founder of ComparaMejor.com. Erick graduated from Babson College with a dual major in Finance and Economics, and focus on Entrepreneurship.

Moderator:

Hon. Greg Snowden, JD

Speaker Pro Tempore, Mississippi State House

Greg Snowden is the second highest-ranking officer of the Mississippi House of Representatives and was appointed by Governor Bryant to serve on the Compact Commission of the Compact for a Balanced Budget, the first interstate agency ever formed to advance a federal Balanced Budget Amendment. Snowden's duties as Speaker Pro Tempore include chairing the House Management Committee, which oversees all business, personnel and financial operations of the body. In addition, Snowden serves on the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, a joint committee of Representatives and Senators which prepares the state budget, and on the powerful House Rules Committee, which schedules and controls the flow of legislation. Snowden also serves as Chairman of the Mississippi House Republican Caucus, and is the current chair of the Mississippi Republican Elected Officials Association. Recognized nationally for his leadership, Greg serves on the Executive committees

of both the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC).

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Nick Dranias

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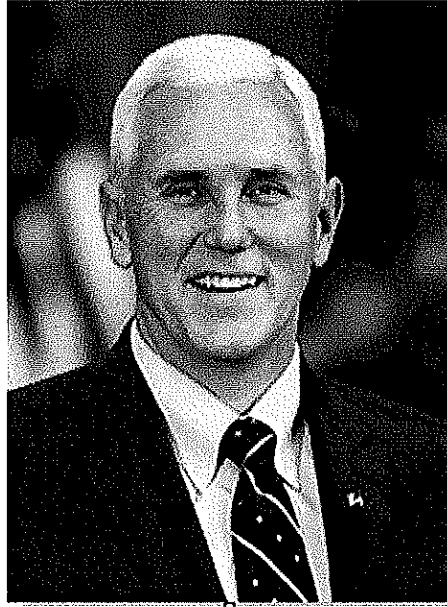
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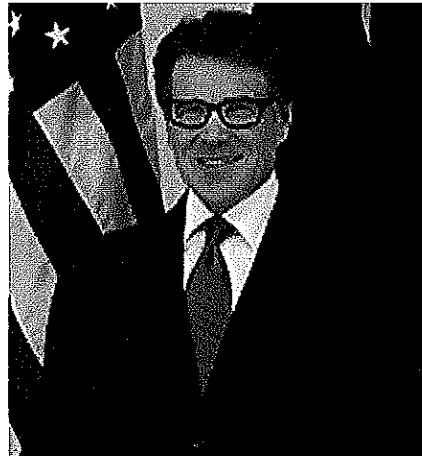
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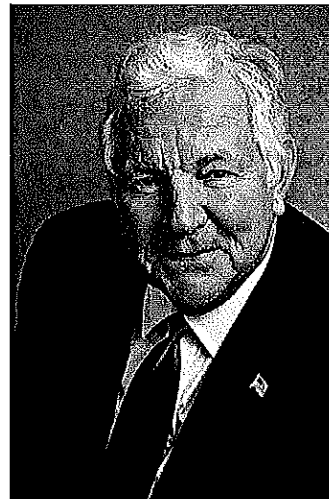
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Subject: Small Businesses Need Your Help

Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the We Are Main Street, a project of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), to ask you to consider strengthening protections for thousands of small business franchise owners in OH. After SEIU stood with franchisees for strengthened protections in California, we undertook a nationwide review of franchisee rights laws and found that **many states do not give needed safeguards** to these small business people.

See how your state protects franchise owners here:

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Franchised establishments are a key generator of economic growth nationally. They account for nearly 11 percent of businesses with employees, employ more than 9 million people and are adding jobs at twice the rate of other small enterprises. In OH, franchised businesses provide 382,000 jobs.

However, franchising can be a risky business and is characterized by a profound imbalance of power that favors the franchisor—often large, multinational companies—over small business franchise owners. The often one-sided, unfair franchising contracts create an uneven playing field for job creators in your state and nationally, meaning:

- A majority of franchisees experience termination or nonrenewal threats, according to a recent national survey of franchisees. Such threats are a powerful intimidation tactic given that franchise agreements typically

give franchisors the power to terminate a franchise for any violation of operations, however minor, and to refuse to renew for any reason or no reason at all.

- Most have had their franchisors require changes that **increase costs** but **do not increase sales**, according to the same poll of franchisees.
- In the last five years reviewed, nearly **one in five Small Business Administration loans to franchisees failed**, according to a 2015 study.

In 2015, California enacted a law that provides some of the strongest franchisee protections in the country. The California bill has provisions essential to making franchising fairer:

- **Barring franchisors from terminating a franchisee** unless the franchisee has failed to substantially comply with the requirements of the franchise agreement.
- **Protecting franchisees' ability to pass their business on** to their heirs or sell it to qualified buyers.
- **Requiring franchisors to provide compensation** to franchisees who are terminated or not renewed.

These changes would benefit franchisees in every state. They would protect local small business people against franchisor abuse, giving franchisees the opportunity to grow profitable businesses, achieve financial security and pass some of their gains to their workers in the form of higher wages and benefits.

We would be happy to talk with you about why franchise reform is needed and provide additional information regarding legislative efforts. Please contact us at reply@wearemainst.com or visit our franchisee news and resource website at www.wearemainst.com.

Sincerely,
Joan Moriarty
Director, We Are Main Street



We Are Main Street is a campaign dedicated to making the franchise system fairer for the small-business people behind some America's most recognizable brands, as well as the men and women they employ.

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Scaled-Down Crowdfunding Bill Disappoints, Attys Say

A bill modifying equity crowdfunding rules that passed the U.S. House Financial Services Committee on Thursday contains incremental improvements, attorneys say, but some were disappointed that the annual million-dollar fundraising limit wasn't raised and hope it will be lifted in the future.

House Passes \$576B Defense Funding Bill

The House voted to pass the \$576 billion funding bill for the U.S. Department of Defense on Thursday, the third of the must-pass funding bills, despite continuing criticisms from the White House about the use of contingency funding.

44 GCs Say Big Biz Needs 'Certainty' Of 9 Justices

The general counsels of 44 major corporations including Spotify, Ameriprise Financial and Estée Lauder urged the U.S. Senate on Thursday to consider Judge Merrick B. Garland's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pa. Legislators Set New Rules For Fracking

Pennsylvania's legislature on Wednesday reached a bipartisan deal on new rules for hydraulic fracturing at oil and gas wells that the governor said would strengthen environmental protections at extraction sites in the Keystone State.

Block Anthem-Cigna Deal, Calif. Insurance Head Tells DOJ

California's top insurance official pressed U.S. Department of Justice officials to reject a merger worth an estimated \$50 billion between Anthem Inc. and Cigna Corp., saying Thursday the deal will harm Californians by reducing quality of care and driving up insurance costs.

Philly City Council OKs Sugary Drinks Tax

Philadelphia's city council on Thursday approved by a 13-to-4 vote a new 1.5 cent per ounce tax on sugary drinks and diet soda, which the council said would

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raise approximately \$91 million over the next year and make it the first major U.S. city to pass a sugary drink tax.

Senate Panel Advances 4 Federal Judges, Hints At Floor Votes

The Senate's Judiciary Committee advanced the nominations for two district judges for Louisiana, one for Indiana and one for the Seventh Circuit Thursday, in the first committee votes on judicial nominees since May.

Lowenstein Atty Gets NJ Gov.'s Nod For State AG

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has nominated Chris Porrino, the co-chair of Lowenstein Sandler LLP's litigation department and Christie's former chief counsel, as the state's next attorney general, the governor announced Thursday.

BANKING & SECURITIES

FSOC Properly Labeled MetLife A SIFI, DC Circuit Told

A council of financial regulators urged the D.C. Circuit Thursday to reverse a federal judge's ruling liberating MetLife from its designation as a systemically important financial institution whose collapse could threaten the broader U.S. economy, contending that the lower court seriously misconstrued the council's guidelines for the SIFI labeling process.

SEC Asks 2nd Circ. If It Can Restart Duka Case

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday asked the Second Circuit to clarify whether the agency can immediately revive its in-house case accusing ex-S&P executive Barbara Duka of mortgage-debt ratings fraud after the circuit court lifted an injunction on those proceedings.

House Dems Push For No-Loopholes Payday Lender Rule

House Democrats said Thursday that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's final rule for regulating the payday loan market should be tough enough to prevent lenders from using tactics they have developed to skirt state restrictions on the loans.

Senate Panel Moves To Ease Pot Banking Restrictions

A U.S. Senate panel on Thursday moved forward legislation that would, in part, bar federal banking regulators from punishing banks for providing financial services to marijuana businesses in states where the drug is legal.

SEC Requires Input On SIPC Broker-Dealer Fee Changes

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday said it needs public comment input before ruling on a proposal to change how broker-dealer fees replenish the Securities Investor Protection Corp.'s fund, which fronts money to repay investors during liquidations of brokerage firms.

SEC Proposes Updates To Mining Disclosure Rules

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission proposed rules Thursday that are meant to modernize the disclosure requirements for mining companies, the latest step in Chair Mary Jo White's bid to update a disclosure system that is outdated in some sectors.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Calif. Fuel Groups Win OK To Update Carbon Rule Challenge

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American Medical Association Inc.

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A California federal judge on Monday told a group of fuel industry advocates that they can amend elements of their failed challenge to the state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard, agreeing that the application of recent updates to the rule could further affect fuel manufacturers.

Bill Seeks End To Coal Industry Self-Bonding For Cleanups

The U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's top Democrat introduced legislation Thursday to bar coal companies from using self-bonding to pay for the cleanup of mining operations, saying the recent wave of coal bankruptcies threatens to stick taxpayers with multimillion-dollar remediation costs.

CPP Stay Doesn't Stop EPA's Clean Energy Incentive Program

Despite a Supreme Court stay of the Clean Power Plan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday unveiled a proposal to help states and tribes meet the plan's carbon dioxide reduction goals through early investments in renewable energy.

FERC Floats Rule To Guard Critical Energy Grid Info

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has moved to implement regulations that require the designation, protection and sharing of so-called critical energy infrastructure information, the agency said on Thursday.

\$32B Interior, Environment Bill Clears Senate Committee

The Senate Appropriations Committee narrowly moved forward Thursday a \$32.03 billion spending bill that funds Native American health and education programs and federal land management agencies but blocks implementation of the so-called Waters of the United States rule.

FERC Finalizes Electricity Pricing Fixes For Power Markets

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Thursday finalized a rule establishing pricing requirements for real-time wholesale electricity sales to align prices with when power is actually dispatched, which the commission claims will better ensure that rates are just and reasonable.

France Becomes First Major Nation To Ratify Paris Accord

French President Francois Hollande on Wednesday became the first head of a major country to ratify the landmark Paris climate change accord, starting what supporters hope is a string of similar actions.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

\$4B Maritime Trade Plan Aims To Boost Great Lakes Region

Officials from several U.S. states and Canadian provinces around the Great Lakes unveiled a \$3.8 billion proposal Wednesday to accelerate dredging projects to clear harbors and waterways and strengthen port infrastructure with the hopes of boosting ocean cargo shipping and trade.

INSURANCE

Autism Care Coverage Row To Be Aired Before Pa. Justices

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has accepted an appeal over insurers' ability to avoid covering in-school services for patients on the autism spectrum.

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CIGNA Corporation
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Cablevision Systems Corporation
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Comcast Corporation
Competitive Carriers Association
Constellation Brands, Inc.
Consumer Federation of America
Consumer Reports
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LinkedIn Corp.
Lyft Inc.
McGraw Hill Financial Inc.
MetLife Inc.
Microsoft Corporation
National Association of State Regulatory Utility Commissioners
National Cable & Telecommunications Association
National Immigration Law Center
Netflix Inc.
Nike Inc.

Senator Says New Joint Employer Standard Hurts Businesses

The head of the U.S. Senate's Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee argued Thursday against a recent National Labor Relations Board decision that reset how to determine whether two entities are joint employers, saying during a hearing that the change would hurt small businesses.

NJ Senate Committee Pushes \$15 Minimum Wage Bill Forward

New Jersey's Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on Thursday advanced legislation that would gradually increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour, a measure supporters say will provide an economic boost to workers living in poverty and what opponents say will deliver a blow to small businesses.

EEOC Gives Guidance On Employee Wellness Program Notices

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Thursday offered employers an example of how to notify employees about the purpose of and limits on wellness programs, part of new rules issued under the Americans with Disabilities Act and following at least two discrimination lawsuits over the programs.

COMPETITION

Texas Rep. Asks FTC To Eye Austin's Rules For Uber, Lyft

A Texas state representative has asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate what he called anticompetitive regulations enacted by the city of Austin, Texas, governing ride-hailing apps like Uber and Lyft.

Merger Remedies Key To Enforcement, DOJ Official Says

The U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division sees effective merger remedies as central to its merger enforcement policy, and remedies should completely solve the antitrust violations arising in a transaction, not simply limit them, a department official said on Thursday.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Baylor Faces New Suit Over Handling Of Sexual Assaults

Three women alleged Baylor University was "deliberately indifferent" to allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment on campus and involving student-athletes in a lawsuit filed in Texas federal court Wednesday after the school released a report by Pepper Hamilton LLP finding failures with the school's policies.

Groups Clash On New Facial Recognition Privacy Code

The stakeholder group crafting a voluntary privacy code of conduct for the commercial use of facial recognition technology wrapped up its efforts Wednesday by finalizing guidelines that were praised by the industry but panned by consumer groups as "weak" and "flawed."

Transgender Student To Take Part In Locker Room Lawsuit

A transgender student at the center of a battle over the U.S. Department of Education's policy on the use of gendered facilities was given permission Wednesday to intervene in a federal lawsuit challenging her access to the female locker rooms at an Illinois' high school.

North American Electric Reliability Corp.

NorthShore University HealthSystem

Peabody Energy Corporation
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Revolt Media & TV LLC

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Executive Office of the President

Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

11th Circ. Greenlights Torture Claims Against Ex-Bolivian Prez

The Eleventh Circuit ruled Thursday that family members of civilians killed in attacks in Bolivia are not barred from pursuing their Torture Victims Protection Act claims against a former president and defense minister because they had exhausted their remedies in Bolivia.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Brussels Charts 8% Rise In Duties Against EU Exports

The European Commission on Wednesday reported an 8 percent rise in duties taken by non-European Union countries against EU exports in 2015 as trade defense actions become more complex in the face of ongoing global economic and financial crises.

TAX

EU Countries Move Toward Deal On Financial Transactions Tax

Efforts to impose a tax on certain financial transactions in several eurozone nations got a boost on Thursday when Austria's finance leader announced that the countries have set a September deadline to mark additional progress on the proposal.

IMMIGRATION

Texas Loses Case Over Syrian Refugee Resettlement

A Texas federal court on Wednesday threw out a suit over the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the state, ruling that a Texas agency didn't have a basis to enforce a consultation requirement of the Refugee Act.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AT&T, Comcast Float Apps Alternative To Set-Top Box Plan

Industry representatives from the likes of AT&T Inc., Comcast Corp. and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association floated an alternative Wednesday to the Federal Communications Commission's plan to unlock set-top boxes, one that would employ apps allowing video viewing on third-party devices.

Sen. Panel OKs Small-ISP Net Neutrality Reporting Exemption

The Senate Commerce Committee approved a bill Wednesday that matches an already-passed House version to exempt internet service providers with up to 250,000 subscribers from enhanced disclosure requirements under the Federal Communications Commission's new net neutrality rules.

Trade Group Slams FCC Network Transition Rules at DC Circ.

The U.S. Telecom Association has asked the D.C. Circuit to ax portions of the Federal Communications Commission's rules regulating the transition from copper to more modern networks, saying that the agency's "regulatory roadblocks" are slowing down the process.

Rural Carriers Group Urges FCC To Keep 5G Competitive

The Competitive Carriers Association pushed the Federal Communications Commission to adopt a tiered structure in its upcoming fifth-generation wireless

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Financial Stability Oversight Council

Food and Drug Administration

Government Accountability Office

Indian Health Service

National Labor Relations Board

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Nevada Legislature

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Securities Investor Protection Corp.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Texas Attorney General's Office

U.S. Army

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Education

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

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United Nations

rule-making, saying Wednesday that large carriers like Verizon, which has a \$1.8 billion XO fiber-optic deal pending, could soon gobble up all the spectrum.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

The Texas Citizens Participation Act — 5 Years Later

On June 17, 2011, the Texas Citizens Participation Act was signed into law, a watershed moment that provided greater protection to Texas citizens who have been plagued with frivolous lawsuits aimed at stymieing their ability to discuss their opinions, report on governmental activities or uncover corporate wrongdoing. Today, the trend of state anti-SLAPP legislation is ongoing, says Laura Prather of Haynes and Boone LLP.

Key Points In DC Circ. Decision Upholding Net Neutrality

The D.C. Circuit's decision this week upholding the Federal Communications Commission's 2015 Open Internet Order deals a significant blow to claims that broadband providers either must as a legal matter or should as a policy matter be left to operate largely free of traditional common carrier regulation, says Christopher Savage, co-chairman of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP's communications practice.

The Debate Over NDAA Preference For Fixed-Price Contracts

The Senate Armed Services Committee wants to reallocate risk between the government and the contractor by shifting from cost-type contracts to fixed-price contracts, but some critics believe that its proposals likely will hinder innovation and increase costs, say Charles Blanchard and Paul Pompeo of Arnold & Porter LLP.

Expanded Access — A Regulatory Balancing Act For Drug Cos.

Expanded access plays a valuable role in the treatment of patients, but granting access to an experimental drug outside the context of a clinical trial creates a host of ethical, operational, business and logistical challenges for any drug manufacturer and particularly for smaller companies specializing in treatments for rare diseases, say attorneys with Choate Hall & Stewart LLP.

DOL Salary Projections May Rest On Inaccurate Assumptions

An important component of the U.S. Department of Labor's new white collar exemption rule is that the minimum required salary level will be adjusted every three years. However, the DOL's estimate of an additional 2.5 percent increase in the new salary threshold over three adjustments may not be accurate and likely understates its magnitude, say Stephen Bronars and Deborah Foster at Edgeworth Economics LLC.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

3 Pitfalls Of Boutique Mergers

For a BigLaw operation, picking up a boutique weathering tough times may seem like a good strategic move, but experts say firms must show discernment and be ready for the post-merger investment to avoid pitfalls that stand in the way of mutual success. Here, experts detail three ways big firms can inadvertently botch an acquisition of a boutique.

6 More Firms Make Associates' Day With Salary Hikes

Six more firms have jumped on the bandwagon of those rushing to keep up with the new associate salary pay scale set earlier this month by Cravath Swaine &

Moore LLP, as the clamor continues over the hike above the decadeslong benchmark.

DLA Piper Partner Fined Over Sexist Emails To Soccer Chief

The U.K. Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal fined a DLA Piper partner £15,000 (\$21,000) at a recent hearing over emails he exchanged with English Premier League executive Richard Scudamore that contained sexist comments, a representative for the tribunal confirmed on Thursday.

GCs Willing To Use Nontraditional Law Firms, Study Says

A new study by Deloitte shows that as spending on legal services continues to grow, the majority of in-house legal departments are reviewing their legal service suppliers and can see themselves buying services from nontraditional law firms.

McDermott Co-Chairs To Step Down By End Of Year

McDermott Will & Emery's co-chairs will step down from their respective roles and return to full-time practice with the firm by the start of 2017, the firm confirmed on Thursday.

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and other firms representing two medical device companies earned the top spot on Law360's list of legal lions this week after they won a ruling at the U.S. Supreme Court discarding the Federal Circuit's strict test for awarding enhanced damages in patent cases. Meanwhile, attorneys from Sidley Austin LLP and Wiley Rein LLP ended up on the list of legal lambs for failing on Tuesday to convince the D.C. Circuit to overturn federal net neutrality rules.

6th Circ. Tells Blind Man ABA Is Wrong Target For LSAT Suit

A legally blind Michigan man accusing the American Bar Association of discriminating against the visually impaired on the LSATs lost his appeal on Thursday when the Sixth Circuit affirmed a lower court decision saying he didn't have standing to bring the case against the accrediting body.

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8th Circ. Nixes Minn. Emissions Law But Can't Clear The Air

The Eighth Circuit's fractured decision invalidating portions of a Minnesota law that effectively prohibited new coal-fired plants from supplying electricity to Minnesotans will embolden opponents of state-level efforts to combat climate change and inspire more legal challenges, but leaves the debate over how the U.S. Constitution affects state climate programs far from settled, experts say.

Senate Dems' Gun Control Filibuster Halts Funding Debate

Senate Democrats took the floor Wednesday during debate over a \$56 billion funding bill for the Departments of Justice and Commerce and scientific research, launching a filibuster in protest of a lack of Senate action on gun control.

Unions Ask 6th Circ. To Affirm Win In Local Right-To-Work Row

Several unions have urged the Sixth Circuit to affirm a district court's finding that the National Labor Relations Act forbids counties and local governments from regulating union agreements, saying a Kentucky county's right-to-work ordinance that bans requiring workers to pay union dues or fees is directly contradicted by federal law.

Online Retailer Challenges Ala. Rule Requiring Sales Tax

An online electronics retailer has launched a legal challenge to Alabama's decision to force it to collect sales tax after the state recently joined a handful of others to defy a U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring remote sellers to have a physical presence in the state for tax purposes, according to an announcement Wednesday.

High Court's Ruling Aids Patent Trolls, Lobbyists Say

A lobbying group with members including Amazon, Cisco and Google on Tuesday said a U.S. Supreme Court decision discarding the Federal Circuit's

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Holland & Hart
Hughes Hubbard
Hunton & Williams

strict test for increasing patent case damages will lead to more patent troll lawsuits and urged Congress to swiftly pass patent litigation reform.

Pa. AG's Bid To Nix Criminal Charges Tossed As Premature

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Wednesday rejected state Attorney General Kathleen Kane's effort to appeal an order refusing to toss charges that she lied to a grand jury about her role in leaking confidential investigative information to the press, after prosecutors argued the appeal is premature.

ANALYSIS

Legal Hurdle Cleared For Reg A+ Deals But Market Uncertain

With a key legal cloud removed thanks to a recent D.C. Circuit ruling, experts say the big challenge now for Regulation A transactions, which are newly established exempt offerings that some liken to a mini-IPO, will be attracting investors in an uncertain marketplace still adapting to a revamped landscape of private offerings after the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act.

Cyberthreat Info-Sharing Gains Momentum After Guidance

Companies have been slow to participate in the voluntary cyberthreat information-sharing regime set up by Congress six months ago, but experts said Wednesday that adoption is likely to grow in the coming months as agency guidance and firsthand accounts ease companies' uncertainty over the scope of liability protections and working with the federal government.

BANKING & SECURITIES

Dodd-Frank Isn't Holding Back Banks, FDIC Chair Says

A top U.S. banking regulator said Wednesday that despite assertions that post-financial crisis reforms have harmed the banking industry, key metrics like loan growth, profits and the percentage of financial assets held by banks have gone up since 2010.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Maker Of GE Salmon Wants In On FDA-Approval Challenge

A biotechnology company asked a California court Tuesday to intervene in a challenge to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of a genetically engineered salmon for human consumption, saying the agency doesn't adequately represent it in litigation that could negate decades of work and millions in expenditures.

8th Circ. Kills Minn. Law Blocking New Coal Plants' Power

An Eighth Circuit panel on Wednesday backed a lower court ruling that nixed portions of a Minnesota law effectively barring new coal-fired plants from supplying electricity to the state, though only one judge concluded the law imposes regulations on neighboring North Dakota in violation of the Constitution's dormant Commerce Clause.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

AMA Expands Firearm Policy To Cover All Guns

A day after declaring gun violence "a public health crisis," the American Medical Association on Wednesday voted to expand its existing policy on gun safety to

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IP & TECHNOLOGY

USPTO's Proposed Patent Description Rules Draw Protests

The Intellectual Property Owners Association trade organization, the American Bar Association and public information advocate Public Knowledge were among the voices Tuesday critiquing the U.S. Patent and Trade Office's proposed new approach to written description requirements in design patents.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Pa. House Committee OKs Daily Fantasy Sports Bill

A Pennsylvania legislative committee on Wednesday approved a bill that would legalize and regulate daily fantasy sports in the state.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

STB Wants To Fast-Track Rail Rate Spats

The Surface Transportation Board said Wednesday it is considering a new process for fast-tracking the shipper-railroad rate disputes that dominate much of the agency's docket, in a move that could ultimately provide stakeholders some relief from drawn-out, often yearslong proceedings.

INSURANCE

Aetna Can't Recoup Medical Costs From Hanover: NY Justices

New York's highest court ruled Tuesday that Aetna can't seek reimbursement from auto insurer Hanover Insurance Co. for payments it made to health care providers that treated a car crash victim, holding that the state's no-fault law doesn't allow a health insurer to pursue such a claim.

EMPLOYMENT

Browning-Ferris Supporters Slam NLRB Joint Employer Test

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Microsoft, numerous industry trade groups and the state of Texas each sided with waste management company Browning-Ferris Industries on Tuesday in its D.C. Circuit appeal seeking to overturn the National Labor Relations Board's new joint-employer standard. Here, Law360 looks at the arguments presented by BFI's amicus supporters.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Citing Orlando, Sen. Says FBI Needs Quick Access To Data

As the Senate Judiciary Committee ponders restricting government access to data by amending the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, the FBI should have easier access to that information in order to help prevent future terrorist attacks like the one carried out Sunday in Orlando, Sen. John Cornyn argued on Tuesday.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

House GOP Cuts Off Bid For LGBT Amendment In Defense Bill

American Hospital Association
American Immigration Lawyers Association
American Medical Association Inc.
American Petroleum Institute Inc.
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.
California Independent System Operator
Calpine Corporation
CenturyLink Inc.
Cisco Systems Inc.
Comcast Corporation
Crocs Inc.
DraftKings Inc.
FanDuel Inc.
Google Inc.
HomeAway Inc.
IP Owners Association
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Level 3 Communications Inc.
Microsoft Corporation
Morgan Stanley
NASDAQ OMX Group Inc.
National Retail Federation Inc.
Netflix Inc.
Newegg Inc.
Overstock.com Inc.
PacifiCorp
PepsiCo Inc.
Public Knowledge
RCN Corp.
Retail Litigation Center Inc.
SeaWorld Entertainment Inc.
Stryker Corporation
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Auto Workers
United States Telecom Association
Zayo Group Holdings Inc.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Bureau of Land Management
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

House leaders dodged a partisan fight over a measure to provide protections for LGBT contractors in the \$610 billion Defense Department funding bill, after a similar measure sunk a \$37 billion energy and water bill last month.

FEMA Told To Fix Lax Grant Oversight, Claw Back \$51M

The Federal Emergency Management Agency should better manage a firefighter assistance grant program to avoid fraud and abuse and claw back \$51.2 million in grants that Cimarron Electric Cooperative used on noncompetitive storm recovery contracts, a watchdog has said.

Lawmakers Demand DOD Explain Handling Of Whistleblowers

A bipartisan group of lawmakers said Tuesday they have asked a Pentagon watchdog to explain its efforts to investigate whistleblower reprisal claims involving the U.S. Department of Defense and its contractors, citing concerns over apparent "persistent, systemic" issues negatively affecting those investigations.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Sens. Press For Tough Enforcement Of Slave Labor Import Law

A pair of high-ranking Democratic senators on Tuesday leaned on Obama administration officials to strictly enforce a newly minted law barring the importation of goods manufactured with slave labor, stressing that merely having the law on the books means little without sufficient oversight.

ITC Calls For Input On New MTB Process

The U.S. International Trade Commission began preparing Wednesday for its new role as the coordinator of the miscellaneous tariff bill, seeking comments from importers on the documentation they will have to submit to receive duty suspensions under the recently revamped process.

TAX

Airbnb To Begin Paying Pa. Hotel Tax

Airbnb Inc. will collect and remit taxes from its Pennsylvania guests beginning July 1, making the state the latest addition to more than two dozen other jurisdictions where the company collects taxes directly from its users, the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue announced Wednesday.

House Panel Votes To Censure IRS Chief Over Alleged Bias

A House Committee passed a resolution Wednesday to censure Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen for purportedly suppressing evidence of the agency's political bias against conservative groups.

IMMIGRATION

BLS Could Skew Prevailing Wages, Immigration Attys Say

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' proposed changes to occupation, industry and area details in its Occupational Employment Statistics survey are "vague and confusing" and would skew prevailing wage determinations in hiring foreigners, the American Immigration Lawyers Association has said.

NATIVE AMERICAN

DOI Needs Closer Eye On Tribal Oil, Gas Agreements: GAO

European Commission
Executive Office of the President
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Fish and Wildlife Service
Food and Drug Administration
Government Accountability Office
Internal Revenue Service
International Trade Commission
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Labor Relations Board
National Security Agency
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Securities and Exchange Commission
Small Business Administration
Surface Transportation Board
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Department of the Interior needs to better monitor how it reviews and approves revenue-sharing agreements for Native American oil and gas projects if it wants to make sure its recent guidance is speeding up the process, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report released Tuesday.

Calif. Tribe, Enviros Blast Feds' Geothermal Lease Proposal

The Pit River tribe and several environmental groups urged a California federal judge Tuesday to reject the federal government's proposed order regarding its decision to continue geothermal leases on California land sacred to the tribe, saying the government is asking the court to rule on leasing issues that aren't part of the case.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

EU Floats Plan To Rein In Wholesale Roaming Charges

The European Commission on Wednesday proposed to cut down the roaming rates that networking operators charge each other, a move intended to prepare the market for the commission's plan to end consumer roaming rates by June 2017.

FCC Told To Level Regs Playing Field For Online Video

An alliance that includes Telletopia Foundation, BitTorrent and BiggyTV urged the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday to move forward on plans to change how online video distributors are regulated, but to ensure the rules do not apply to companies like Netflix and Amazon.

Cable Group Calls FCC's Set-Top Box Plan 'Unworkable'

The Federal Communications Commission faced continued outcry over its plan to unlock set-top boxes, including on the House floor, with a small cable group warning in a filing posted on Wednesday that the commission should discard the proposal or at least exempt smaller companies from the rules.

Telecoms Proceed With Leaner Baltimore Rate Hike Suit

A Maryland federal judge spared a lawsuit Tuesday that several telecoms brought against the Baltimore City Council over its decision to triple underground conduit fees, but tossed the Fifth Amendment takings and other claims.

PEOPLE

Polsinelli Lures Former Lawmaker To Public Policy Practice

Polsinelli PC on Tuesday said that it has lured a former U.S. congressman from Steptoe & Johnson LLP, whose experience on health care and energy issues will add to the firm's growing national public policy practice.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In-House Counsel Beware: TSCA Reform Impacts Everyone

The rules of engagement in the chemical world as we know it are set to change dramatically and imminently with the forthcoming revisions to the Toxic Substances Control Act. In-house counsel who may be under the impression that the rule only applies to "chemical producers" and not to their companies are gravely mistaken, says Lynn Bergeson at Bergeson & Campbell PC.

DTSA's Promise Of Uniformity Remains Unfulfilled

The new Defend Trade Secrets Act is supposed to provide a more uniform body of law governing trade secrets claims, but it provides no guidance to courts as to whether they should interpret its provisions based upon state law or a new federal common law. One need look no further than the basic definitions of "trade secret" and "misappropriation" to identify conflicts between the DTSA and state laws, say Daniel Winston and Irina Oberman Khagi of Choate Hall & Stewart LLP.

PETA's Push To Expand Limits Of Worker Safety Laws

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has stretched the boundaries of "workplace hazards" to request specific and targeted regulations for industries that utilize or display animals. Such efforts have resulted in a profound regulatory mismatch and an unfortunate distraction from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's worker protection mission, say attorneys at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP.

FERC Berkshire Hathaway Order May Jolt Electricity Market

With its recent order revoking Berkshire Hathaway Energy entities' market-based rate authority, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has indicated its critical examination of the industry's competitive landscape. The agency's decision may have broad-reaching impacts for buyers and sellers of electricity, as well as investors that finance generation projects throughout the country, says Heather Curlee at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

What FDA's Drug Distributor Licensing Regs Should Address

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration intends to issue long-awaited proposed regulations governing the licensing of prescription drug wholesale distributors. We hope the FDA meets its self-imposed deadline, and addresses certain key issues in the forthcoming guidance, says Kevin Madagan at Reed Smith LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

What It Takes To Get Hired At A BigLaw Firm

Jumping to a BigLaw firm can open doors for a partner — bringing access to more lawyers, markets, clients and of course, more money — but before an attorney can reap the rewards that come with the territory, he or she has to get hired. Here, Law360 looks at what attorneys need to do to take advantage of the booming lateral market and secure a job at a BigLaw firm.

Bracewell Lays Off Staffers After Its Lawyers Get Raises

Bracewell LLP is slimming the ranks of its support staff, a firm representative confirmed on Wednesday, the same week that the firm announced a sizable hike in associate salaries to meet the new scale set by Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP.

5 More Firms Adopt Cravath Salary Scale

Five more law firms have announced an increase in associate salaries after Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP set a new benchmark last week and they join more than 50 other firms that also boosted their salaries.

K&L Gates Launches Partner Program In Wake Of Departures

K&L Gates LLP announced a new firmwide program aimed at alleviating the uncertainty that current income partners may feel about the path to full equity partnership following months of partner defections.

Atty Convicted For Attack On Law Firm Boss And His Wife

A Virginia lawyer could face life in prison after a jury found him guilty on Tuesday of taking the former managing shareholder of Virginia law firm Bean Kinney & Korman PC and his wife hostage in their home, the Fairfax County prosecutor's office said Wednesday.

Harvard Grad Who Lost Ropes & Gray Gig Sues Over Bar Exam

A Harvard Law School graduate who lost her job at Ropes & Gray LLP after twice failing the bar exam has sued the New York State Board of Law Examiners for refusing to accommodate her anxiety-related disabilities until it was too late.

Womble Carlyle Inks Strategic Partnership With UK Firm

North Carolina-headquartered Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP has entered into an overseas strategic partnership with midmarket U.K. firm Bond Dickinson LLP, in which the two law firms will refer clients and drum up business for one another, the firms said Wednesday.

4 Practice Areas Where Philly Firms Are Hiring

Philadelphia may be a mature legal market, but there's still a demand for lawyers in certain key areas. If you're looking for a change of scenery, here are four practice areas where firms in the City of Brotherly Love are hiring.

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Fed, FDIC Give Small Foreign Banks Living Will Leeway

The Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Friday that foreign banks with limited activities in the U.S. would be able to file shorter versions of their living wills for the next three years.

Looming Brexit Vote Casts Uncertainty Over London IPOs

After a hot start to the year, initial public offerings in London have cooled amid uncertainty surrounding the coming "Brexit" referendum. While deals are gaining steam elsewhere in Europe, U.K. capital markets lawyers are crossing their fingers that activity will restart in London following the vote.

Patent Trolls May Want To Think Twice About Rhode Island

So-called patent trolls may soon find Rhode Island an inhospitable place to hatch their infringement claims, after the state's General Assembly passed legislation Thursday to ban the zealous patent rights enforcers and put them at the business end of antitrust actions.

NLRB Election Rule Survives 5th Circ. Challenge

The Fifth Circuit on Friday upheld the National Labor Relations Board's rule streamlining the union election process, saying that the rule comports with federal labor law and that the board was within its bounds to create it.

Senate Moves On \$602B Defense Bill Amid Flak From Dems

The U.S. Senate voted Friday to move forward with its \$602 billion National Defense Authorization Act over the vocal objections of a number of Democrats, setting up a final vote on the bill for next week.

Pa. State Sen. Pleads Not Guilty To Buying Votes

A Pennsylvania state senator and a member of the Democratic Committee for Philadelphia's Eighth Ward pled not guilty in federal court Friday to an

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indictment that accuses the lawmaker of buying support in a 2011 election to become the party's ward leader, according to their attorneys.

ANALYSIS

3 Water Rights Clashes Raining Down On Texas

A rain-filled year has washed away the drought that plagued Texas through much of this decade, but water law issues continue to bubble, with a court ruling that treats groundwater as a hot commodity, innovative industrial water reuse efforts and needed infrastructure projects poised to make waves for property owners. Here, Law360 takes a look at three hot-button water issues facing the Lone Star State.

11th Circ. Could Expose Doctors To Greater Speech Limits

Doctors fighting a Florida law that restricts their ability to ask questions about patients' gun ownership will make their final pitch to the Eleventh Circuit later this month in a case that some fear could provide an open door for politicians to tread on the speech rights of physicians and potentially other regulated professionals, such as attorneys.

BANKING & SECURITIES

EU Adopts Derivatives Rules For Non-Eurozone Currencies

The European Commission said Friday it has adopted new rules that require certain over-the-counter credit derivative contracts denominated in three non-eurozone currencies to be cleared through central counterparties, part of a wider effort to boost market transparency following the financial crisis.

CFTC Floats Position-Limit Changes for Derivatives Policy

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is proposing a supplemental rule on position limits for derivatives that revises regulations proposed in 2013 to help ensure that commercial end-users can continue to engage in "bona fide" hedging efficiently for risk management and price discovery.

Industry Warns CFTC Against Broad Algorithmic Trading Rules

Market participants told the Commodity Futures Trading Commission at a Friday roundtable that proposed rules to regulate automated and algorithmic trading are too broad, while the agency appeared to have considered claims the regulations could compromise firms' valuable source code.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

House Slams \$10-Per-Barrel Oil Fee, Carbon Tax Ideas

The U.S. House of Representatives voted Friday to spell out its opposition to two ideas that have been floated to improve the environment: a national carbon tax and the Obama administration's proposal for a \$10-per-barrel fee on crude oil.

House Dems Praise Calif. AG's Exxon Climate Change Probe

A group of California congressional Democrats on Thursday urged the state's attorney general to continue an investigation into whether fossil fuel companies like Exxon Mobil Corp. misled investors and the public on the impact of climate change, in spite of resistance from House Republicans.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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Paul Weiss
Proskauer Rose
Quinn Emanuel
Ropes & Gray
Shearman & Sterling
Shook Hardy
Sidley Austin
Simmons & Simmons
Simpson Thacher
Skadden
Sprouse Shrader
Steinman & Rodgers
Sullivan & Cromwell
Susman Godfrey
Vinson & Elkins
Weil Gotshal

Doctors Challenge California's New 'Right To Die' Law

Several doctors and a medical ethics association have filed a lawsuit in state court to strike a California law that took effect on Thursday that allows terminally ill adults to receive prescription drugs to end their lives, arguing that it raises constitutional concerns over the medical standard of care.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Colo. Governor Signs Bill Legalizing Fantasy Sports

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper on Friday signed a bill to legalize and regulate fantasy sports, making Colorado the fifth state to adopt such a bill into law.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

DOT Gives 6 Airlines Cuba-US Flight Approval

The U.S. Department of Transportation will allow six domestic airlines to establish flights between the United States and Cuba in the fall as part of President Barack Obama's ongoing attempts to normalize relations with the Caribbean country, the DOT announced on Friday.

Calif. Court Nixes CARB Loosening Of Diesel Emissions Rule

The California Air Resources Board on Tuesday lost its grip on a number of exceptions to a rule forcing diesel trucks and buses to cut emissions that allowed smaller fleets more time and flexibility with the requirements, when a state court found the delay is unfair to other compliant trucks.

NJ Lawmakers Unveil \$20B Plan To Boost Transportation Aid

New Jersey lawmakers on Friday unveiled two different versions of a 10-year, \$20 billion plan to replenish the state's dwindling Transportation Trust Fund through fuel tax hikes, offset by tax breaks for low income workers, retirees and estate heirs.

FAA Pushes For Mental Health Reporting Rather Than Testing

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration announced Thursday it would encourage commercial airline pilots to report mental health issues instead of requiring them to undergo routine psychological testing.

INSURANCE

Dutch State Sells Stake In Insurer ASR Through \$1.1B IPO

State-owned Dutch insurer ASR Nederland NV raised €1 billion (\$1.1 billion) in an initial public offering on Friday as the government begins unloading shares in the company whose parent it rescued during the financial crisis, marking the latest IPO in Netherlands' busy capital markets.

REAL ESTATE

NC Justices Say State Must Pay In Road Project Takings Fight

North Carolina's high court ruled Friday the state must pay Winston-Salem landowners who for decades were barred from developing their properties under a state law carving out potential future highway projects, saying the restrictions

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NASDAQ OMX Group Inc.

NJ Transit Corp.

National Association of Home Builders

National Association of Manufacturers

represented an unconstitutional taking of residents' property without just compensation.

EMPLOYMENT

DOL Says States Haven't Justified Blocking Persuader Rule

The U.S. Department of Labor urged a Texas federal judge Thursday to reject an attempt by various states to block its so-called persuader rule, arguing the group hasn't satisfied the requirements that would warrant that sort of emergency relief.

NLRB Flips Rule On Mixed-Guard Unit Recognition

The National Labor Relations Board reversed Thursday its long-standing precedent of letting employers unilaterally withdraw recognition of bargaining units that include security guards after the collective bargaining agreement expires, now requiring employers to honor their voluntary recognition so long as the union retains employees' majority support.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

4th. Circ Won't Stay Trans Bathroom Ruling During Appeal

The Fourth Circuit on Thursday said it wouldn't stay its ruling that, under Title IX of the education code, schools must let transgender students use the bathroom that fits their gender identity, while a Virginia school board appeals the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ohio School Board Sues Over Trans Bathroom Directive

An Ohio school board on Friday sued the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education for requiring public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms, lockers and other facilities that match the students' gender identity or to otherwise risk losing federal funding.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

GAO Wants Navy Funding Blocked To Force Frigate Plan Fix

The U.S. Navy needs to address "fundamental weaknesses" in its multibillion-dollar littoral combat ship and related frigate procurement programs, the U.S. Government Accountability Office said on Thursday, suggesting that Congress deny funding for the programs while the Navy revises its strategy.

Pa. AG Won't Appeal Time-Barred Charges Against Mayor

The Pennsylvania attorney general's office announced Friday it will not appeal an order dismissing more than 300 expired criminal charges against former Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed for allegedly diverting funds away from a municipal incinerator project to purchase artifacts and other memorabilia, noting that 144 charges remain.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

EU Deepens Trade Engagement With Southern African Nations

The European Union signed an economic partnership agreement Friday with a group of six countries in southern Africa that is aimed at spurring development in the region and promoting trade.

India Nearing Compliance In WTO Poultry Dispute

National Federation of Independent Business
National Rifle Association of America

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

California Environmental Protection Agency

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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Executive Office of the President

Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Highway Administration

Federal Reserve System

Government Accountability Office

Indian Health Service

Internal Revenue Service

NATO

National Labor Relations Board

National Park Service

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Securities Investor Protection Corp.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Selective Service System

The Indian government has informed the World Trade Organization that it has circulated draft revisions to its food safety rules in order to comply with an adverse decision that said the measures were unfairly restricting imports of U.S. poultry products, according to WTO documents circulated Friday.

GOP Rep. Predicts TPP Vote Will Slip To Next Administration

Former Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., on Thursday predicted that a congressional vote to ratify the Trans-Pacific Partnership will not be held until after President Barack Obama leaves office, citing lawmakers' widespread skepticism about the deal.

TAX

CORRECTED: Cayman Islands Delays FATCA Reporting Date

Cayman Islands banks got two more months to notify and report to the U.S., by way of the island government, American taxpayers' accounts at the institutions, with enforcement of the requirements set to begin in August, according to an advisory released Thursday. (Correction: An earlier version of the story erroneously relied upon outdated IRS guidance stating U.S. implementation of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act had been delayed. The error has been corrected.)

IMMIGRATION

9th Circ. Won't Reconsider Revived Ariz. Worker ID Theft Law

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday shot down a bid from activists representing immigrants who entered the country without authorization to reconsider its ruling last month to restore two Arizona state laws that prohibit using a false identity to obtain work, rejecting claims the laws interfere with the federal government's exclusive control over immigration policy.

NATIVE AMERICAN

SD Rep. Wants Drug Tests For Indian Health Service Workers

U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, R-S.D., introduced legislation Thursday that calls for mandatory random drug testing of certain Indian Health Service employees, right on the heels of another bill she has put forward aimed at improving the federal agency.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Bill Has Less Money, More Net Neutrality Hurdles For FCC

The House Appropriations Committee cleared a funding bill Thursday that would give less money to the Federal Communications Commission, temporarily block implementation of its net neutrality order, prohibit broadband internet rate regulation and put off the agency's set-top box proposal.

PEOPLE

Obama Nominates Baker Botts Partner To SIPC Board

A Baker Botts partner versed in capital markets matters has been nominated to serve on the board of the Securities Investor Protection Corp., the nonprofit corporation said Friday.

Ex-U.S. Rep. To Lead BakerHostetler's Federal Policy Team

Texas Commission on
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U.S. Department of Defense
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Navy
U.S. Office of Personnel
Management
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court

BakerHostetler has added former U.S. Rep. Michael Ferguson and two employees of his consultant group to its Washington, D.C., office, where they'll work as advisers in the firm's federal policy group under Ferguson's leadership, the firm has announced.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Congress: FOIA, Fiscal Year 2017, Preventing IRS Abuse

Consideration of fiscal year 2017 appropriations measures remains at the top of the agenda in both chambers this week. All eyes will be on the House floor, as debate over the U.S. Department of Defense spending bill could make or break the entire appropriations process moving forward, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

In Defense Of The Bid Protest Process

The House and Senate proposals for bid protest reform are based on misperceptions and overblown concerns about the prevalence of "frivolous" protests and prolonged procurement delays. Moreover, the proposals strongly suggest that the essential benefits of the bid protest process still are not fully appreciated, says Aron Beezley of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

Philanthropic Capital In Search Of Clarity

The slow rate of change at the IRS hampers the deployment of philanthropic capital. Recently effective regulations illustrating investments that qualify as program-related investments, for example, have an overweighted emphasis on international philanthropy — a trend from over a decade ago, says Michael Cooney of Nixon Peabody LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Attys Don't Have Trump's Leeway On Judicial Criticism: Prof

Donald Trump may be able to get away with criticizing a federal judge, but whether a lawyer can do so depends on a few factors, including the tone and context of the criticism, according to a Stetson University law professor.

Int'l Law Firm CMS' Revenue Breaks Through €1B Barrier

Frankfurt-based international legal giant CMS Legal Services saw its revenues increase by 8.4 percent last year, breaking through the €1 billion barrier, the firm said Friday.

4 Mistakes That Drive Trial Judges Crazy

Trying a case is tough. Trying a case before a judge who hates you is tougher. While every judge might have his or her own quirks and preferences, there are a few basic rules to generally follow for those eager to avoid a jurist's ire. Here, top trial attorneys offer suggestions for remaining in a judge's good graces.

At Least 35 Law Firms Hiked Associate Pay This Week

As the week comes to a close, at least 35 law firms have joined Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP in its move to raise associate pay, announcing their plans to increase attorneys' starting salaries to at least \$180,000 a year as of July 1.

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

The SEC makes its biggest move yet on corporate cybersecurity, Barclays plans to ask more underperforming firms for rebates and a former in-house attorney's

legacy of lies thwarts Merck's \$200 million jury win. Those stories top the corporate legal news you may have missed last week.

5 Tips For Aspiring Product Liability Attorneys

The broad scope of product liability law cases, from automotive cases like the escalating Volkswagen litigation to food labeling issues over genetically modified organisms, provides young attorneys the opportunity to delve into an array of topics and get fast trial experience. Here, seasoned attorneys offer their tips on how to jump-start a career in product liability.

A Wrestler, A Billionaire And Revenge Level New Media Titan

Friday's announcement that vaunted new media empire Gawker is declaring bankruptcy may have been fated for nearly a decade, ever since one of the company's now-defunct blogs, Valleywag, posted a 400-word article titled: "Peter Thiel is totally gay, people."

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

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Senate Votes To Block DOL 'Fiduciary Rule'

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday passed a resolution intended to block the U.S. Department of Labor's contentious "fiduciary rule" from going into effect in a largely party line vote that sends the bill to the president, who has threatened to veto the legislation.

EPA Agrees To Deadlines For Review Of State Haze Plans

The EPA has agreed to set and meet deadlines for evaluating state plans to reduce haze in a handful of Western states, resolving a lawsuit in California federal court brought by three environmental groups who said the agency was tardy in reviewing them.

Sen. Boxer Praises Garland's 'Pursuit Of Justice' After Meeting

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Merrick Garland continued to press his case on Capitol Hill Wednesday, meeting with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who praised the former federal prosecutor's "quiet pursuit of justice" as she urged his nomination forward.

NY Gov. Promises He'll Sign Bill To Ax 'Tampon Tax'

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday he would sign into law a proposal that exempts feminine hygiene products, including tampons, from state sales taxes after the state Legislature gave the measure its final approval.

ANALYSIS

House Transpo Funding Bill Clears Murky Trucking Regs

The House's \$58.2 billion transportation and funding package that appropriators advanced Tuesday could provide needed operational flexibility to commercial truckers, experts say, by clarifying regulations over drivers' working conditions, like how long they spend driving and when they take breaks.

FDA Stirs Debate Over Labeling Authority With Sugar Rule

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration last week unveiled a sweeping overhaul to nutritional labels that it says will help shoppers to make healthy choices, but

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attorneys expect challenges to the new rule and the agency's authority to require food companies to list how much sugar is added to their products.

BANKING & SECURITIES

UK Equity Funding Soars, But Disparities Persist: Report

Equity investment in U.K. small businesses soared 58 percent in 2015, but large regional disparities remain, according to a report Wednesday by a state-owned economic development bank, which said it is putting programs in place to alleviate shortfalls outside of London.

China To Open Commodities Futures To Foreign Investors

China's securities watchdog pledged Wednesday to open its commodities futures markets to foreign investors, potentially giving the world's largest commodities consumer a more prominent role in influencing global prices, while also promising stricter supervision to combat speculation.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

House Battles Over LGBT Protections In Energy, Water Bill

The U.S. House added possibly conflicting language addressing executive orders prohibiting LGBT discrimination among federal contractors to a \$37.4 billion energy and water project authorization bill Wednesday, after voting down a measure explicitly preserving the orders in the Veterans Affairs authorization bill last week.

Murkowski Pans BLM Management Plan For Public Lands

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, on Tuesday urged the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to scrap its proposed resource management plan for public lands, saying it shuts Alaska state and local entities out of the management process and violates federal environmental law.

EPA New Plant Carbon Rule Foes Want To Hit Pause Button

Opponents of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's rule capping carbon emissions from new power plants urged the D.C. Circuit Tuesday to suspend the briefing schedule in their case while some opponents appeal the agency's refusal to reconsider its rule.

House Passes Energy Policy Bill Over Democratic Objections

House Republicans on Wednesday voted to approve a new version of its energy policy overhaul, over largely Democratic objections that the bill ignites "water wars" in California, resurrects the Keystone XL pipeline and prioritizes fossil fuels over renewable energy.

3 States Ask 10th Circ. Not To Unblock BLM Fracking Rule

Wyoming, Colorado and Utah on Wednesday asked the Tenth Circuit not to disturb a lower court's stay of the Bureau of Land Management's rule regulating hydraulic fracturing on federal and Indian lands, saying the agency has no authority to regulate the industry.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Genetically Modifying Mosquitoes Could Stem Spread Of Zika

Travel advisories, private homeowners protecting their properties, and genetic modification could help combat the spread of the Zika virus, witnesses told a

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Center for Biological Diversity Inc.
Chobani LLC
Comcast Corporation
Hexagon AB
Intergraph Corporation
Kashi Co.

U.S. House committee on Wednesday, during a hearing examining the science of the disease and the mosquito that transmits it.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Boeing, Airbus Tell 3rd Circ. Only FAA Can Regulate Planes

Boeing and Airbus urged the full Third Circuit Tuesday to uphold a panel decision reviving a defect suit, arguing that aircraft engine maker Avco Corp. cannot be held to state-law product liability claims because the Federal Aviation Administration has sole authority over aircraft design.

NJ Senate President Moves To Ban Rail Operators With DUIs

New Jersey's Senate president announced Wednesday that he is introducing legislation to beef up requirements for train engineers in response to reports that a New Jersey Transit engineer has continued to operate trains even though his license was revoked for drunk driving.

EMPLOYMENT

OSHA Injury Reporting Rule Misses Mark, House Panel Hears

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's recent rule requiring employers to electronically submit information about workplace injuries and illnesses was largely assailed Wednesday during a meeting of the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, with some witnesses saying the rule wouldn't actually improve workplace safety.

Wis. 'Right-To-Work' Law Back In Effect During Appeal

The Wisconsin Court of Appeals put on hold Tuesday a judge's order that struck down the state's "right-to-work" law, which bars labor contracts from requiring private-sector workers to pay union dues.

Teacher Tenure Fight Heads To Calif. High Court

An education reform group asked the California Supreme Court to take on its case calling the Golden State's teacher tenure system unconstitutional because it saddles poorer children with ineffective teachers, arguing Wednesday that a decision upholding the law "breaks sharply" with the high court's history.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Texas, 10 Others Sue Over Obama's Trans Bathroom Guidance

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Wednesday that Texas has been joined by 10 other states in its push against an Obama administration directive to allow transgender students to use the bathroom that matches their gender identity, filing an official lawsuit challenging the rule in Texas federal court Wednesday.

Evaporated Cane Juice Labels False And Misleading, FDA Says

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday said that describing sweeteners made from sugar cane on food labels as "evaporated cane juice" is false or misleading, since it suggests that the sweetener is juice from a vegetable or fruit.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

US Isn't Urging Foreign Biz To Deal With Iran, Senate Told

Microsoft Corporation

NJ Transit Corp.

National Association of Broadcasters

National Association of Manufacturers

National Congress of American Indians

Penske Corp.

SLM Corporation

San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino

Sierra Club

T-Mobile USA Inc.

The Boeing Company

Twitter Inc.

United Steelworkers

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Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe

Bay Mills Indian Community

Blackfeet Nation

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Education

Bureau of Industry and Security

Bureau of Land Management

Bureau of Reclamation

Department of Commerce

Energy Information Administration

European Commission

Executive Office of the President

Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Food and Drug Administration

Government Accountability Office

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Indian Health Service

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

National Labor Relations Board

Two Obama administration officials on Wednesday told a U.S. Senate committee that the administration is not pushing foreign banks and foreign companies to do business with Iran despite U.S. sanctions against the country, only trying to make sure they understand what is and isn't permitted with regard to Iran.

Europe Floats Proposal On Drug Cooperation In TTIP

The European Commission on Tuesday published its proposal for an annex to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership that would be devoted solely to working with the U.S. on drug regulations, stressing the need for faster and cheaper approval of medicines in both markets.

TAX

Alberta Proposes Carbon Tax As Part Of Climate Push

An environmental law introduced this week in Alberta would reinvest money from a new carbon tax in green technology and return some of that cash to residents.

Philly Mulls Sale Of \$70M In Delinquent Biz Tax Accounts

A year after raising \$17 million from selling delinquent property tax accounts and settling with others, the city of Philadelphia said Wednesday that it was studying the prospect of selling tardy business tax accounts with \$70 million worth of delinquencies to third parties to bolster its balance sheet.

BANKRUPTCY

Puerto Rico Debt Relief Bill Moves To House Floor

Congress' proposed response to the burgeoning debt crisis in Puerto Rico took a step forward after lawmakers voted Wednesday to send to the House floor a bill that would create an oversight board to control the U.S. territory's finances and debt restructuring.

IMMIGRATION

Bill Envisions Harsher Screenings For Visa Applicants

The House Judiciary Committee approved a bill Wednesday that would require the federal government to use social media to figure out if a visa applicant is eligible, as well as DNA testing and in-person interviews for petitioners.

American Samoans Push High Court To Hear Citizenship Case

Five people from American Samoa seeking review of a ruling that those born in the U.S. territory aren't entitled to birthright citizenship pushed the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their case on Monday, saying the case poses a "constitutional question of tremendous importance."

NATIVE AMERICAN

House Funding Bill Would Undercut Tribal Recognition Rule

A subcommittee of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved a \$32.1 billion interior and environment funding bill Wednesday, including a provision that would block the implementation of a 2015 Department of the Interior rule aimed at streamlining the federal recognition process for Native American tribes.

NJ AG Asks Judge To Toss Tribal Recognition Suit

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
Securities and Exchange Commission
Texas Attorney General's Office
U.S. Army
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Treasury
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court
Winnebago Tribe
Wisconsin Department of Justice
World Health Organization

New Jersey's attorney general urged a federal judge Tuesday to toss a suit by the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation that claims state regulators wrongfully repudiated the tribe's state recognition status, saying the case is barred by the U.S. Constitution.

NLRB Tells Justices It Has Authority Over Tribal Casinos

The National Labor Relations Board urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to reject challenges to the agency's authority over labor practices at two Michigan tribal casinos, arguing that the Sixth Circuit correctly ruled that the NLRB can regulate tribes' commercial enterprises and there's no circuit split on the issue.

3 More Tribes Join DOI Land Buyback Program

The U.S. Department of the Interior said Wednesday that it has signed deals with three more Native American tribes as part of its \$1.9 billion land buyback program under the landmark Cobell settlement over the alleged mismanagement of natural resources on tribal lands.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC's Wheeler Signals Wait On DC Circ. For Zero-Rating

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler said Wednesday that an inquiry into so-called zero-rating plans is still in progress but ultimately will rely on a forthcoming ruling by the D.C. Circuit on the commission's net neutrality order, saying the decision could impact FCC scrutiny of wireless plans that exempt certain types of data from charges.

3rd Circ. Dumps FCC's TV Joint Sales Agreement Rule

The Federal Communications Commission cannot curtail TV stations' ability to make joint sales agreements to avoid a ban on owning more than one station in a local market, the Third Circuit ruled Wednesday, because the regulator extended ownership rules without reviewing them first.

PENNSYLVANIA

Fattah Knew Of Illegal Loan Repayment Scheme, Jury Hears

Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., knew that money from a nonprofit educational organization he controlled was used to repay an illegal \$1 million loan made to his ill-fated Philadelphia mayoral campaign, a political consultant and cooperating witness told a jury on Wednesday.

Pa. Township Supervisors Violated Sunshine Act, DA Says

Four members of a Pennsylvania township's board of supervisors violated the state Sunshine Act by agreeing in a private email vote to hire a consultant to oversee the hunt for township manager, the Bucks County district attorney announced Wednesday.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Defend Trade Secrets Act: How To Inform Employees

The Defend Trade Secrets Act offers many benefits to businesses, including federal question jurisdiction for trade secrets and the ability to recover compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorneys' fees. However, to obtain the full array of remedies available under the statute, employers must

comply with a specific notice requirement, says Jeff Barnes, a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP.

Oil And Gas Opportunities And Political Obstacles Ahead

The dramatic growth in domestic oil and natural gas production has reignited calls for the U.S. to achieve "energy independence." But at the same time, the resurgence of industry activity has been met with increased governmental oversight and tensions. Tremendous opportunities have been created, but the road to each is lined with significant challenges for industry, regulators and communities, says Jack Luellen at Fox Rothschild LLP.

Why FEMA's Sandy Claims Review Process Isn't Working

Concerns over the administration and implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program following Superstorm Sandy resulted in a novel, ad hoc procedure for the adjustment and payment of previously closed flood claims, but the review process that was promised differs greatly from the process currently in practice, says Douglas Pepe at Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

5 Ways A Lateral Can Kick Ass At A New Firm

Joining a new firm as a lateral hire is an exciting time in an attorney's career, but the process poses some challenges, starting with the pressure to get things going on the right foot. Here, attorneys offer tips on how to hit the ground running at a new firm.

4 Ways Millennials Will Change Law Departments

As millennials graduate from BigLaw training grounds and take jobs with corporate legal departments, their employers and outside counsel will have to adjust to the next generation of the in-house bar. Here's how things might change.

GCs Are Keeping Fewer Firms On Tap

General counsels added some law firms to their panels in 2015, but overall are working with the second-fewest number of firms in 16 years, according to a new study, with one major issue driving the trend.

Women's 'Returnship' Program Goes In-House

The OnRamp Fellowship for women returning to work is expanding into in-house legal departments with the help of the Association of Corporate Counsel Foundation and participants including Microsoft Corp., Amazon.com Inc. and the Bank of Montreal.

5 Phrases That Should Be Banned From Trials

Trials demand not only strategy and fast thinking but also decorum and competence. However, some oft-used phrases by attorneys might cause judges or juries to rightfully question their respectfulness or intelligence. Here, trial attorneys offer suggestions for phrases that lawyers probably should never utter in a court of law.

Gibson Dunn DQ'd As McDermott Rep In Malpractice Row

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP was disqualified Wednesday from representing McDermott Will & Emery LLP and an estate planning partner in two legal malpractice actions in California state court after the judge said its use of a privileged document could affect "the integrity of these judicial proceedings."

Philly DLA Piper Office Head Dies At 51

Carl Buchholz, the managing partner of DLA Piper's Philadelphia office and a former top aide to President George W. Bush, died Monday at age 51.

Clydes Treks Deeper Into US With Miami Boutique Buy

Breaking into the U.S. market has been a tough nut to crack for many U.K.-based international firms, but one seems to have found a foothold, unveiling the launch of its sixth office in the states Thursday. Here, the firm's leaders talk about their approach to the Americas.

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DIVERSITY SNAPSHOT

The Top 100 Firms For Minority Attorneys

For the second straight year, Law360 has ranked the 100 top U.S. law firms for minorities, based on the firm's minority representation at the partner and nonpartner levels and its total number of minority attorneys.

The Top 50 Firms For Minority Equity Partners

While equity partnerships at U.S. law firms remain overwhelmingly white, 50 firms have widened the playing field for attorneys of color, according to Law360 data.

US Law Firms Fail To Move Needle On Racial Diversity

Law firms continue to make negligible progress toward improving the diversity of their attorney ranks, according to Law360's annual headcount survey.

The 5 Ways BigLaw Is Failing Minorities

The legal industry continues to be a grim place for minorities to work and thrive, lagging behind other white collar professions when it comes to inclusion. Here, experts outline the practices and failures that prevent firms from making progress.

White & Case Outpacing Peers In Diversity

More than a third of White & Case LLP's United States attorneys are minorities, placing the international firm at the top of Law360's 2016 Diversity Snapshot.

TOP NEWS

House Passes Comprehensive Anti-Opioid Abuse Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday easily passed a comprehensive bill covering a broad range of anti-opioid abuse and drug overdose programs, sending lawmakers to conference with the Senate to come up with a compromise final bill.

GOP Grills EPA Head Over Clean Power Plan Work

Republican leaders on the House Energy and Commerce Committee accused the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday of undermining the U.S.

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Supreme Court's stay of the Clean Power Plan by charging forward with "regulatory processes that are integrally related to the suspended rule."

DC Circ. Declares Foreign Student Work Rule Fight 'Moot'

Just days after a new foreign student work rule took effect, the D.C. Circuit on Friday threw out a technology union's challenge to a similar 2008 regulation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, saying the case was moot now that the challenged rule is no longer active.

Obama Tells Schools To Let Trans Students Pick Bathrooms

The Obama administration on Friday issued a letter to public schools declaring that, under Title IX of the education code, discrimination against transgender students is sex discrimination, and stepped in on a hot-button issue by directing schools to let students use the bathrooms that fit their gender identity.

GMU Law Profs Slam Colleagues Against Scalia Renaming

Law professors at George Mason University have shot back against GMU's general faculty for criticizing the renaming of its law school in honor of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, calling a recent resolution about Scalia's comments on women and minorities "ill-informed" and "specious."

ANALYSIS

4 Things To Know As Equity Crowdfunding Rules Take Effect

Four years after Congress passed the landmark Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act to expand capital-raising tools for small companies, rules governing equity crowdfunding go live Monday. Here's what attorneys need to know.

Ex-NY Pols' Graft Appeals May Depend On McDonnell Case

The corruption convictions and prison sentences for two of New York's onetime most powerful lawmakers have sent shockwaves across the state's political establishment, but their expected appeals may hinge on a forthcoming decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the bribery case against former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell.

Feds Face Hard Sell As Complex Fattah Corruption Trial Opens

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah's indictment on corruption charges may have cost him last month's Democratic primary, but whether it costs him his freedom is a question attorneys say will hinge on whether prosecutors can prove a dense, document-driven case to jurors as the trial kicks off in Philadelphia on Monday.

BANKING & SECURITIES

DC Circ. Questions Merit Of SEC Constitutionality Appeal

Members of a D.C. Circuit panel questioned a former fund manager's challenge to the constitutionality of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission judges, asking whether the judges need to be appointed when the commission has the power to overrule them entirely.

Banks Unlikely To Follow Kerry's Push On Iran Contacts

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday urged European banks to do business with Iran now that nuclear sanctions have been lifted, but that's unlikely to happen until the risks are worth it, experts say.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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Cohen Milstein
Conrad O'Brien
Constangy Brooks
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Davis Polk
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Debevoise & Plimpton
Dentons
Drinker Biddle
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Finnegan
Fish & Richardson
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Hall Estill
Hanson Bridgett
Haynes and Boone
Hinshaw & Culbertson
Holland & Knight
Hunton & Williams
Irell & Manella
Irwin Fritchie
Jackson Lewis
Jackson Walker
Jones Day
K&L Gates
Kaufman Dolowich
Kelley Drye
Kilpatrick Townsend
Kirkland & Ellis
Knobbe Martens
Lane Powell

House GOP Lawmaker To Unveil Zika Funding Plan

A senior Republican congressman said Friday he plans to unveil a plan for additional funding to fight the Zika virus next week, offering few details aside from saying the plan will provide much less than the \$1.1 billion bipartisan Senate measure released Thursday, according to reports.

ACA Pay Rule Threatens Emergency Care, Suit Says

An Affordable Care Act regulation related to emergency-care reimbursement fails to ensure that providers will be properly paid and should be invalidated, according to a complaint filed Thursday in D.C. federal court.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Senate Judiciary Leader Won't Consider Patent Venue Bill

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley is not planning to take action on a bill aimed only at restricting where patent suits can be filed and is instead focused on more comprehensive legislation aimed at so-called patent trolls, the senator's office confirmed on Friday.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Daily Fantasy Sports Bill Passed By Missouri Lawmakers

Missouri lawmakers on Thursday passed a bill that would legalize daily fantasy sports and place it under the authority of the state's gambling commission, sending the legislation on to the governor.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Judge Delays Deadline For List Of GWB Scandal Conspirators

A New Jersey federal judge on Friday refused to grant an unidentified individual's last-minute bid to block the public release of unindicted co-conspirators in the George Washington Bridge lane closure scandal after pushing the deadline back in response to the alleged co-conspirator's request.

EMPLOYMENT

Illinois Union Can Rep Nonpublic Employees, Judge Rules

An Illinois federal judge on Thursday threw out a legal challenge to union representation in Illinois, saying home health care workers who receive funding from the state but are nonpublic employees cannot bypass the SEIU to negotiate employment terms.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Gov't Contractors Must Secure Federal Data Under New Rule

Federal agencies will soon be required to include language in contracts and solicitations requiring contractors to adopt basic cybersecurity measures to protect systems containing information about federal contracts, according to a rule scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on Monday.

DOD's Postwar Equipment Pullout Plans Subpar, GAO Says

While relocating resources from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the U.S. Department of Defense has risked leaving military branches without adequate

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guidance on what to do with combat equipment, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report published Friday.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

WTO Agriculture Chair Says Subsidies Still Top Priority

The World Trade Organization's chair of agriculture negotiations recently said subsidies remain a top priority in reforming agricultural trade, but called it both "embarrassing and troubling" that the majority of members are not up to date in their subsidies notifications.

Trade Groups Say Treasury Is Rushing Anti-Inversion Regs

Nearly a dozen lobby groups, including the American Petroleum Institute and the National Retail Federation, accused the U.S. Department of the Treasury on Thursday of moving too fast to implement new anti-inversion regulations which they said will slow down investments and economic growth.

EU Seeks Comments On Draft TTIP Impact Report

Independent consulting firm Ecorys released a draft report concerning the potential environmental, economic and social impacts of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, which European Union Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom cautioned Friday should be "taken with a pinch of salt" in a blog post inviting public comment.

TAX

IRS Chief's Possible Impeachment Slated For House Hearings

The House Judiciary Committee said Friday it would schedule two hearings to determine whether Internal Revenue Service head John Koskinen should be impeached for failing to produce emails and lying to Congress over the agency's alleged unfair scrutiny of conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status.

Feds Say Jail Isn't Stopping Ex-Rep. From Preparing Case

Prosecutors hit back after former U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds told an Illinois federal judge he has to plead guilty to misdemeanor tax evasion because he can't prepare for trial in jail, arguing that Reynolds has restricted his own ability to represent himself.

IMMIGRATION

Only Congress Can Give Samoans Citizenship, Justices Told

The Obama administration has asked the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear an appeal from a group of American Samoans seeking birthright citizenship for people born in the U.S. territory, arguing the issue is one for Congress to decide.

Gov't Being 'Hyperbolic' In Immigrant Bond Row, Justices Told

A green card holder urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to reject an appeal from the government of a ruling that certain immigrants should get bond hearings after six months of detention, saying the government's claim that the court should take the case for border control reasons was "hyperbolic."

NATIVE AMERICAN

EPA Finalizes Rule Giving Tribes Clean Water Act Authority

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Barclays PLC
Berkeley Research Group
CTIA
Cara Operations Ltd.
Comcast Corporation
DISH Network Corporation
Deutsche Bank AG
DraftKings Inc.
Electronic Frontier Foundation
FanDuel Inc.
Farm Credit System
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Inc.
Global Automakers
Google Inc.
HSBC Holdings PLC
Immigration Reform Law Institute
Intel Corporation

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday unveiled a final rule that gives some Native American tribes the power to administer Clean Water Act programs and receive grants just like states.

Gov't Says Top Court Case Backs Law Killing Tribe Casino Suit

The federal government called on a D.C. Circuit panel to affirm the dismissal of a Michigan man's challenge to a tribe's casino project on neighboring land, maintaining that a recent Supreme Court case reinforced Congress' authority to bar his suit.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Berkeley Rips Group's FCC Radiation Rule Claims At 9th Circ.

The City of Berkeley, California, has told the Ninth Circuit that an argument by CTIA-The Wireless Association that the Federal Communications Commission does not require radio frequency disclosures is blatantly false, as the organization challenges the city's attempt to require cellphone retailers to include a radiation warning with all sales.

ILLINOIS

Social Services Bill Likely To Die On Ill. Gov.'s Desk

A \$715 million funding bill meant to tide over some social services until the Illinois General Assembly can end the state's budget stalemate passed both houses on Thursday, but its run is likely to end at Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's desk.

PEOPLE

Babst Calland Adds 3rd Former PHMSA Atty To DC Office

Babst Calland Clements & Zomnir PC announced on Thursday that it's building out its new Washington, D.C., office with the addition of a third shareholder in its pipeline and hazmat safety practice who used to be an attorney for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

In Congress: Appropriations

Senate consideration of the Energy and Water appropriations bill was almost sidetracked last week by a contentious amendment from Sen. Tom Cotton on the Iran nuclear deal. While Leader McConnell found a path forward, the delay it provoked and the partisan tensions it raised reveal the tenuous and fraught effort to pass all 12 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year, say members of Covington & Burling LLP.

The Future Of Medicare Physician Reimbursement

Just over a year after the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act was signed into law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently unveiled the long-awaited proposed rule to begin its implementation. The 962-page notice offers important insight into how the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will link physician payments to quality care through MACRA, say attorneys with Proskauer Rose LLP.

New Considerations As SEC Amends Registration Rules

Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

Medtronic Inc.

MillerCoors LLC

NBCUniversal Inc.

National Association of Manufacturers

National Retail Federation Inc.

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation

New York Times Co.

Office Depot Inc.

Porsche

Public Knowledge

SIFMA

Standard Chartered PLC

Staples, Inc.

Star Scientific, Inc.

The Hershey Company

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Verizon Communications

Wells Fargo & Co.

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Army Corps of Engineers

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

California Attorney General's Office

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Congressional Budget Office

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

European Commission

Executive Office of the President

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Election Commission

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Food and Drug Administration

Government Accountability Office

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

As a result of recently adopted amendments to the Exchange Act registration requirements, companies close to triggering registration thresholds may need to adopt better tracking and planning procedures. Among other things, employee compensation plans that permit transfers of securities received under such plans could cause companies to exceed thresholds, say attorneys with Mayer Brown LLP.

How The Beer Industry Can Brew Better Franchise Laws

Breweries want to focus on making beer without the unnecessary addition of also running a distribution company and the distribution model is still one of the most convenient and efficient methods for getting beer to the marketplace. However, antiquated franchise laws have created a lack of negotiating parity and choice in options for the emerging craft brewing industry, says Joshua Aubuchon at Holland & Knight LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

6 Lessons BigLaw Can Learn From Boutiques

Although they can't compete with large firms over the menu of services they might offer, boutique law firms can edge out bigger rivals for legal work through flexibility, personal involvement with clients and a laserlike focus on select practice areas. Here, experts share six ways BigLaw can learn from boutique competitors.

How To Think Like A Judge And Be A Better Legal Writer

To write persuasively and win court cases, lawyers need to learn to think like judges, according to an academic paper published Thursday, and while getting inside a judge's head isn't always easy, the paper's author offers three tips for accomplishing it.

Law Firms See Biggest Q1 Revenue Bump Since 2008

Law firm revenue in the first quarter of 2016 was up 5.8 percent over the same period last year, the sector's largest jump in first quarter revenue since 2008, according to the results of a Citi Private Bank survey made public on Friday.

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration wants to make your workplace injury data public, and law firms want to charge you more. Those stories top the in-house news you may have missed last week.

Del. Chancery Welcomes Ex-Morris James Partner To Bench

Delaware's Court of Chancery formally welcomed a veteran judge and litigator as the 39th member of the state's 224-year-old institution Friday, with Joseph R. Slights III taking a ceremonial oath and donning his robe during an investiture in Dover.

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

Internal Revenue Service
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band
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National Aeronautics and Space
Administration
National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
Occupational Safety and Health
Administration
Office of Foreign Assets Control
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration
Port Authority of New York & New
Jersey
Securities and Exchange
Commission
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U.S. Department of Defense
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Human Services
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TOP NEWS

Bankers Face Bonus Restrictions Under New Proposed Rule

U.S. financial regulators on Thursday unveiled long-awaited proposed restrictions on banker incentive-based compensation that would see top executives at the largest institutions defer a significant portion of their bonuses and other incentive-based pay for four years.

In First Speech As Nominee, Garland Praises Pro Bono Work

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Merrick Garland on Thursday spoke publicly for the first time since being nominated for the high court, praising Washington, D.C., attorneys for their pro bono work, but did not touch on his nomination.

Dickstein Shapiro Cleared In Fla. Lobbying Probe

A Florida ethics commission cleared Dickstein Shapiro LLP and a onetime practice leader Wednesday of allegations that they improperly tried to influence state Attorney General Pam Bondi on behalf of corporate clients.

FTC Commish Calls On Agency To Examine Data Privacy Regs

Federal Trade Commissioner Maureen Ohlhausen on Thursday called on her agency to look into how its rules apply to the "Internet of Things" in industries including automotive and health care, saying technological changes and disruptive business models can create new privacy risks for consumers.

Senate Bid To Block Clean Water Rule Funding Falls Short

The U.S. Senate on Thursday rejected a proposed amendment to cut off funding for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's contentious Clean Water Rule, as it continued debate on a \$37.5 billion bill funding federal energy, water development and certain weapons programs for 2017.

Koch Bros. Group Wins Trial To Keep Donor List Private

A California federal judge on Thursday granted conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity Foundation's bid to prevent California's attorney general from obtaining its donor list, ruling after a bench trial that allowing the donor list handover would violate the foundation's free speech rights.

ANALYSIS

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Chaffetz Lindsey
Clay Daniel Walton
Cleary Gottlieb
Cozen O'Connor
Debevoise & Plimpton
Dechert
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Drinker Biddle
Durie Tangri
Edelson PC
Farella Braun
Fine Kaplan
Gibson Dunn
Greenberg Traurig
Haight Brown
Hardy Carey
Houthoff Buruma
Hunton & Williams
Jenner & Block
Kelley Drye
Kerr & Wagstaffe

SEC Disclosure Regs Primed For Cleanup, Not Renovation

As the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission seeks input on how it should modernize regulations governing public company disclosures, lawyers say the review provides a fresh opportunity to trim one-size-fits-all rules that have been accumulating for decades, but some doubt that the process will generate bold changes.

No Bump In Union Election Wins In 1st Year Of NLRB Rule

After a year on the books, the National Labor Relations Board's controversial union election rule has sped up election procedures but hasn't led to the spike in representation petitions or increased union election wins that management-side lawyers had initially feared.

Won A Contract Corrective Action? Don't Celebrate Just Yet

Federal agencies frequently take corrective action on contracting decisions either on their own or at the U.S. Government Accountability Office's prodding, but while those efforts can boost losing-bidders' competitive chances, attorneys say it's still unlikely the award will actually change hands.

New Broadcast Standard Set For Rare Smooth Sailing At FCC

With Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler's signaling Wednesday that the FCC will move quickly to advance a new over-the-air broadcasting standard, experts said the plan to let market forces decide the rollout should have a smooth ride to government approval even in an FCC dogged by partisan bickering.

High Court Unlikely To Wade Into 6th Circ. Water Row

The Sixth Circuit's refusal Thursday to revisit a shaky panel decision that asserted jurisdiction over challenges to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Rule gives the rule's opponents a chance to seek high court review, but experts say the U.S. Supreme Court will likely avoid the case until the Sixth Circuit rules on its merits.

Tougher US Plan On Banker Bonuses Still Trails Europe Regs

A proposal to restrict incentive compensation for financial firm executives moves beyond a previous version of the Dodd-Frank Act-mandated regulation, but some critics say that the U.S. still lags behind other jurisdictions when it comes to limiting the rewards bankers receive for taking on excess risk.

BANKING & SECURITIES

EU Official Urges Lighter Regulation Of Small Banks

The European Union's top financial services official said Thursday he wants to ease capital and disclosure requirements for smaller banks as part of an approach that's more "proportionate" than the financial crisis-era rules that many companies say are too one-size-fits-all and hinder the growth of Europe's capital markets.

FINRA Again Stalls Debt Research Rules Over Firms' Concerns

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority on Wednesday said it will again delay implementing rules that will regulate debt research reports and analysts for the first time, saying it wants to give members more time to adapt after continuing to receive questions over the new requirements.

Kirkland & Ellis

Leitner Williams

Leonard Carder

Mayer Brown

McDermott Will

McElroy Deutsch

MoloLamken LLP

O'Melveny & Myers

Paul Weiss

Pillsbury Winthrop

Quinn Emanuel

Reed Smith

Scharf Banks

Schnader Harrison

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Shearman & Sterling

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American Farm Bureau
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American Gaming Association

American Petroleum Institute Inc.

Apple Inc.

BTI Consulting Group Inc.

BlueCross BlueShield of
Tennessee

Center for Biological Diversity Inc.

Citigroup Inc.

Coherent, Inc.

Comcast Corporation

DISH Network Corporation

Financial Industry Regulatory
Authority Inc.

House Panel Blasts SEC's Oversight Of Rating Agencies

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's efforts to police credit rating agencies after the financial crisis came under congressional fire on Thursday when members of a House Financial Services subcommittee took an agency official to task for not clamping down more tightly on an industry that was at the center of the Great Recession.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

NJ Takes Steps To Allow More Development In Protected Area

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection announced Thursday that it is working toward amending septic density rules that cap development in its protected Highlands region, saying recent scientific data suggests it can increase sewage capacity in forested and other protected areas and still maintain the region's high water quality standards.

6th Circ. Won't Rethink Venue For Water Rule Challenge

The full Sixth Circuit on Thursday declined to review a panel's finding that challenges to a controversial water rule belong at the appeals court — a loss for states and industry groups that sought to litigate the rule at the district court level.

Pa. Oil, Gas Well Rules OK'd By Regulatory Review Board

Controversial new rules governing surface operations at oil and gas wells in Pennsylvania were narrowly approved Thursday afternoon after a marathon hearing before the state's Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Sports Gambling Should Move Aboveground, Group Tells DC

The U.S. gaming industry's biggest trade group and a suspicious-betting monitoring service on Wednesday called on lawmakers to make sports betting legal nationwide as the ban faces a challenge in the Third Circuit, saying illegal gambling is putting money in criminals' pockets and taking it out of the government's.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Ex-Amtrak Exec Backs Out Of Top NJ Transit Job

A former Amtrak chief operating officer tapped to lead New Jersey Transit has backed out just days before he was set to take over the top job at the country's third-largest public transportation provider, citing concerns about moving his family from Virginia.

DC Circ. Upholds Secrecy Of CIA Drone Killings

A D.C. Circuit panel on Thursday allowed the Central Intelligence Agency to keep legal deliberations and summaries on targeted drone killings secret, agreeing with a lower court that the American Civil Liberties Union's Freedom of Information Act suit is seeking classified information important to national security.

Uber Hit With \$11.4M Fine By Pa. Regulator

Uber Technologies Inc. was hit with a nearly \$11.4 million fine Thursday for beginning operations in Pennsylvania without proper licensure, after state utility regulators concluded that the ride-sharing company earned a significant

Lambda Legal Defense & Educational Fund

Lyft Inc.

McGraw Hill Financial Inc.

Morgan Stanley

Murray Energy Corp.

NFL Enterprises LLC

NJ Transit Corp.

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Federal Communications Commission

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Federal Housing Finance Agency

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Fish and Wildlife Service

reduction in a proposed \$50 million penalty by coming into compliance over the last year.

EMPLOYMENT

House Committee OKs Resolution To Bar DOL Fiduciary Rule

A Republican-controlled congressional committee on Thursday approved a resolution to block the government from implementing the U.S. Department of Labor's "fiduciary rule" requiring financial advisers to act in their clients' best interest, a step forward in the party's concerted effort to stop the rule.

Ex-Houston Mayor Asks 5th Circ. To Nix Atty Fee Fight

Former Houston Mayor Annise Parker told the Fifth Circuit on Wednesday that it should affirm a lower court's dismissal of a suit seeking attorneys' fees brought against her by a coalition of pastors related to a politically polarizing equal-rights ordinance.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

6th Circ. Cuts Ky. Gov. From Davis' Marriage License Row

The Sixth Circuit has freed Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin from litigation brought by Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis asking the state to remove her name from marriage licenses in protest of same-sex marriage, finding an executive order doing just that nullified her claims.

More Challengers Join ACLU In NC Transgender Law Fight

The American Civil Liberties Union added three more plaintiffs Thursday to its federal challenge of North Carolina's now-infamous law barring transgender people from public bathrooms that don't match their biological sex and blocking municipalities from passing anti-discrimination ordinances.

4th Circ. Transgender Ruling Signals Defeat For NC Law

When the Fourth Circuit ruled this week that barring a transgender male student from the boys' bathroom in Virginia violates federal education law, it forecast a defeat over North Carolina's already notorious discrimination law.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

House Ag Chairman Blasts Turkish Duties On US Cotton

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Michael Conaway, R-Texas, on Wednesday took aim at a new remedial tariff imposed by the Turkish government on U.S. cotton fiber shipments, suggesting that the anti-dumping duty is not in line with World Trade Organization rules.

Businesses Want Substance Over Speed In Latest TTIP Round

A coalition of European and U.S. businesses on Thursday said that next week's round of Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiations should keep the two governments moving toward a high-standard pact, but stressed that officials should not race to strike a deal.

TAX

Move To Regulate Tax Preparers Rejected By Senate Panel

The Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday approved two bipartisan pieces of legislation geared toward preventing tax fraud and identity theft and protecting

Food and Drug Administration
Government Accountability Office
Internal Revenue Service
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Credit Union Administration
National Labor Relations Board
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Navajo Nation
New Jersey Department of Transportation
New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Securities and Exchange Commission
U.S. Army
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate
U.S. Supreme Court
United Nations
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taxpayers, but the lawmakers shot down an amendment to one of the bills that would have allowed the government to regulate tax preparers.

House Votes To Bar IRS Bonuses Until Service Improves

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a pair of bills Thursday banning the Internal Revenue Service from paying employee bonuses until it develops a plan to improve customer service and preventing it from rehiring staff previously terminated for cause.

IMMIGRATION

Sen. Floats Bill To Create New Guest Worker Program

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., introduced legislation Wednesday to create a new guest worker program for people who don't have bachelor's degrees, billing the proposal as a way to tackle the gap between the H-1B program for skilled workers and seasonal worker programs.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Amid Suit, EPA Proposes New Rules For Maine's Tribal Waters

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed new water quality standards Wednesday to regulate tribal waters in Maine, in the midst of an ongoing lawsuit in which Maine is accusing the federal agency of limiting its powers to monitor these waters.

Enviro Groups Sue Feds Over Navajo Coal Approvals

The U.S. Department of the Interior broke the law by allowing a Navajo Nation-owned coal mine to expand and feed the Four Corners Power Plant for another 25 years despite the threat it poses to the ecosystem of the Southwest, according to a lawsuit filed by five environmental groups Wednesday in Arizona federal court.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Reid Bashes McConnell Over FCC Confirmation Delay

Minority Leader Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., criticized Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., for allegedly going back on his word to quickly reconfirm Federal Communications Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel on the Senate floor Thursday, saying her nomination has languished for more than a year.

Comcast Ballyhoos Set Top Box-Free Programming

Comcast cable subscribers with either a Samsung smart TV or a Roku player will be able to use either device to access Comcast programming without a set-top box, the cable giant told the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday.

NEW JERSEY

NJ Senate Panel Advances Christie Pick For High Court

Walter F. Timpone, a McElroy Deutsch Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP partner tapped by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to fill a state Supreme Court vacancy, received the unanimous backing of a state Senate panel Thursday, clearing the way for a vote on his nomination by the full house.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Why Earth Day Is Everyone's Business

The concept of sustainability is no longer just a fad. The effects of climate change have become more dire. This Earth Day, all of us in the environmental law community and beyond need to collectively rise to the challenge of climate change and help our clients and communities embrace the new regime of sustainable enterprise, says Remi Moncel at O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

State Legislation Vs. Federal Prohibition Of Marijuana

The tension between federal prohibition and state legalization of marijuana — medical and recreational — makes for complicated law, but general consensus is that federal prohibition trumps state legalization. However, recent developments in the federal government and at a California court of appeal could signal a potential shift in marijuana policy, say Carrie Bonnington and Derek Mayor at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

New Tax Plan Will Hurt IT, Pharma Vendors In Texas

A proposed tax rule in Texas does not comport with the common-sense meaning of the term "produced," which has previously been interpreted to mean making a physical change to an item, rather than merely adding intangible property. The rule will likely have the undesirable effect of stifling information technology and pharmaceutical development by Texas taxpayers, say attorneys with McDermott Will & Emery LLP.

Changes In Nev. Construction Law Foster Real Estate Growth

The 2015 Nevada state legislative session was one for the (construction law) books with the Legislature lowering the maximum retention rate allowed in contracts and subcontracts from 10 to 5 percent and completely overhauling Nevada's residential construction defect statutes — which could spur real estate development, says Sarah Mead at Snell & Wilmer LLP.

Avoiding The Pitfalls Of Researching Attorneys In PACER

While PACER is a powerful tool for gaining information, practitioners should keep in mind that certain flaws often cause lawyers to be omitted from cases they've worked on or to show up associated with the wrong firm. These errors build up across aggregate records, tainting any conclusions drawn from such data — often to a surprising extent, according to Brian Howard, a legal data scientist at Lex Machina.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

5 Traits Of The Best Law Firm Management Committees

Running a successful law firm may often seem to require the skills of a politician, magician and psychologist all at the same time, but there are basic practices and approaches a firm can employ to ensure it has the best possible management committee leading the way. Here, Law360 takes a look at five traits that help law firm leadership succeed.

AFAs Now Dominate A Third Of Firm Spending

With the average client now reportedly saving \$2.7 million through alternative fee arrangements, it's easy to see why AFA-based outside counsel spending has grown at a steady, 19.8 percent clip since 2012, accounting for over a third of law firm spending last year.

Women Missing Out On Lead Roles In Court, Study Says

Though women make up nearly half of all law school graduates, they are lagging far behind in courtroom leadership roles, according to a study presented Thursday at a symposium on women trial attorneys at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

9th Circ. Arms Firms Seeking To Discharge Client Debt

A ruling by the Ninth Circuit that a California lawyer who filed for bankruptcy doesn't have to pay an arbitration award debt to a client will open the door for financially strapped firms to argue that other kinds of obligations to clients should also be dischargeable, experts said.

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Attorneys from Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, White & Case LLP and six foreign law firms secured a spot on Law360's list of legal lions this week by getting a \$50 billion shareholder judgment against Russia overturned while Kelley Drye & Warren LLP and Stafford Rosenbaum LLP landed on the list of lambs after a jury handed a \$940 million trade secrets verdict to their clients' opponents.

Conflicted Attys Can't Accept Referral Fees, ABA Says

A lawyer cannot accept a case referral fee if they would otherwise be blocked from representing the client due to a conflict, the American Bar Association said in a Thursday ethics opinion.

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Obama's Competition Order Could Be Mainly For Show

President Barack Obama has ordered a governmentwide push for pro-competitive regulatory action and touted the Federal Communications Commission's cable box proposal as a model, but some antitrust lawyers say the executive order could reflect the political popularity of competition more than a well-considered policy shift.

18 Ex-Treasury Officials Say Inversion Regs Aren't A Real Fix

A group of 18 former officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on Monday asked Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew to reconsider regulations issued earlier this month to curb tax-motivated inversion deals, saying they are likely to make the problem worse.

Justices Appear Split In Obama Immigration Action Row

The U.S. Supreme Court grilled both sides during oral arguments on Monday in the closely watched suit over the president's executive actions on immigration, which could give deportation relief to over 4 million people, with the justices' tough questions hinting at a possible split in the case.

CMS Axes \$220M Cut Over Hospital 2-Midnight Rule

In a surprise move Monday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services scrapped a \$220 million pay cut tied to the agency's controversial "two-midnight rule" on inpatient admissions and offered to refund three years' worth of reduced reimbursement to hospitals.

Senate Banking Chief Wants Watchdog Review Of FHFA

A top Republican senator on Monday asked federal government watchdogs to review the Federal Housing Finance Agency's oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and to explore whether the two government-sponsored mortgage giants should be allowed to retain some of their earnings.

FAA Reauthorization Bill In Home Stretch With Senate

The U.S. Senate on Monday sent into the home stretch a bill to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration through 2017, agreeing to substitute amendments for the bill and voting to bring debate on the legislation to a close.

Garland Set To Meet With 5 More Senators This Week

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Ford & Harrison
Fox Rothschild
Fross Zelnick
Greenberg Traurig
Hogan Lovells
Honigman Miller
Hooper Lundy
Hunton & Williams

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Merrick Garland is set to meet with five more senators this week to discuss his nomination, the White House said Monday, as Senate leaders continued to take verbal shots at each other over the high court vacancy.

ANALYSIS

Pa. Ruling Puts Frivolous Lawsuit Claims In Jeopardy

A judge's ruling that a Pennsylvania law punishing frivolous litigation encroaches on the judiciary's exclusive power to police the legal profession provides fresh ammo for attorneys fighting suits over allegedly baseless civil claims and could incite a rash of new dismissal bids.

BANKING & SECURITIES

British Exit Threatens Banking Access To EU, Gov't Warns

The U.K. government warned Monday that London's powerful financial center could lose its European Union regulatory "passporting" rights for banks if the country votes to leave the bloc in a June 23 referendum.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Texas Pushes 5th Circ. To Delay EPA's Haze Plan

Texas on Monday told the Fifth Circuit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional haze plan for the state would impose irrational costs and inflict irreparable harm on the state electric grid and state sovereignty with little to no public benefit.

EPA Tells DC Circ. Coal Ash Rule Isn't Too Tough Or Weak

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday urged the D.C. Circuit to uphold a rule regulating coal ash disposal, saying its technical judgments should be shielded from an industry coalition that's attacked the rule as too tough and environmental groups that say it's too weak.

Pa. Justices Asked To Block Drilling Site Rules Ahead Of Vote

An industry group contending that rules governing surface operations at oil and gas wells violate Pennsylvania law urged the state's highest court Monday to enjoin the rulemaking process ahead of a final review meeting this week, days after a lower court declined to do so.

EPA Drops Proposed Emissions Limits On Race Cars

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has deleted language about race car pollution from its final rule on vehicle emissions, on Friday saying after an outcry against the proposal from the racing industry and legislators that the EPA's focus is not on motor vehicles built exclusively for racing but rather on vehicles used on public roads.

EPA Urges DC Circ. To Leave Farm Pollution Rule Intact

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday asked the D.C. Circuit to toss challenges to a rule exempting some businesses from animal feedlot pollution reporting requirements, saying environmentalists and industry groups opposed to the rule don't have standing to dispute it.

DOE Floats New Regs For Access To Nuclear Material

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American Intellectual Property Law Association
American Public Power Association
Blackbaud, Inc.
Carnival Corporation

The U.S. Department of Energy has proposed a set of changes to rules surrounding access to nuclear material and classified information, a plan that includes introducing a one-year waiting period in which an applicant denied access cannot reapply for authorization.

Calif. Says Shark Fin Ban Doesn't Warrant High Court Review

California and the Humane Society of the United States said the U.S. Supreme Court needn't consider a dispute over California's ban on shark fin sales, arguing that the state law doesn't conflict with federal fishing rules and the decision is in line with other circuit courts.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Generics Group Decries 'Troubling' AbbVie Biosimilars Petition

The Generic Pharmaceutical Association is training fire on AbbVie's effort to raise research hurdles for biosimilar makers, accusing the company of cherry-picking facts in a "highly troubling" attempt to dupe the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Medical Marijuana Becomes Legalized in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf on Sunday signed a bill legalizing medical marijuana, making the state the 24th in the country to approve the drug for therapeutic uses.

Spending Bill Pushes FDA Approval Of Drug Label Changes

Federal lawmakers threatened to withhold funding from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration if it goes ahead with a draft rule allowing generic-drug makers to change their warning labels without prior approval by the agency.

IP & TECHNOLOGY

USPTO Seeks Comments On Written Description Requirements

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is seeking comments on a proposed approach it has developed regarding how the written description requirement for patents applies to certain design applications, according to a notice it published on Friday in the Federal Register.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

DOT Floats Rule Tackling Highway Congestion

The U.S. Department of Transportation on Monday proposed new nationwide performance, transparency and accountability measures for states to hit, to ensure federal funds are being used efficiently to help ease highway congestion and curb greenhouse gas emissions.

Pavement Co. Asks Justices To Strike Arkansas Claims Court

A highway construction contractor has urged the U.S. Supreme Court to eye the constitutionality of Arkansas' system for handling claims against the state, arguing the process is riddled with glaring due process issues and conflicts of interest, given politicians serve as adjudicators.

EMPLOYMENT

Gov. Walker Asks Judge To Pause 'Right-To-Work' Ruling

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CenturyLink Inc.
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Competitive Communications Association
Deutsche Bank AG
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Electric Reliability Council of Texas Inc.
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Humane Society of the United States
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Kia Motors
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Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Microsoft Corporation
NFL Enterprises LLC
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National Cable & Telecommunications Association
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Securus Technologies Inc.
Sierra Club
Tennessee Titans
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TiVo Inc.
Twitter Inc.
United Steelworkers
Verizon Communications
Volkswagen
WPP PLC

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and the state Attorney General's Office on Monday asked a state judge to pause his order striking down as unconstitutional the state's so-called "right-to-work" law, which bars labor contracts from requiring private-sector workers to pay union dues, while they appeal his ruling.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ITC Says Open Trade With Cuba Will Be Boon For US Biz

Lifting trade restrictions with Cuba would be a boon to U.S. businesses that have been prevented from accessing the Cuban market, but trade would still be hampered by barriers on the Cuban side, according to a U.S. International Trade Commission report released Monday.

Aluminum Imports Targeted In Rare Safeguard Petition

The United Steelworkers on Monday turned to a rarely utilized trade remedy law to request sweeping safeguard tariffs on imports of aluminum from around the globe, which the union said has seriously hampered U.S. production and employment ranks.

EU Trade Chief Wants Less Chinese Intervention In Steel Biz

European Union Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom on Monday called on China to sharply reduce subsidies and other support measures for its steel sector, which has been a key contributor to the overcapacity crisis that has roiled producers around the globe.

TAX

Treasury Preparing Regs To Curb Shell Co. Tax Evasion

The U.S. Department of the Treasury will soon propose regulations to clamp down on tax evasion by requiring more transparency about the ownership of limited liability companies, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said on Saturday.

IMMIGRATION

Rep. Worried About DHS Retaliation Over Agent's Testimony

The U.S. House Judiciary Committee chairman asked Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson Monday to ensure that there is no retaliation against the head of the border patrol union over his testimony alleging the agency was promoting a "catch and release policy."

Carnival Booking Cuban-Born Passengers Despite Travel Ban

Cuban-born customers suing Carnival expressed optimism over its announcement Monday that booking for planned Miami-to-Cuba cruises is now open to them while it continues discussions on changing Cuban regulations barring those passengers' arrivals, but said they still seek permanent resolution.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Republican FCC Commish Initiates Lifeline Fraud Investigation

Federal Communications Commissioner Ajit Pai said Monday he is launching an investigation after an earlier probe of a company now facing the largest-ever fine for fraud in the Lifeline low-income phone subsidy program uncovered details suggesting other wireless resellers are also participating in abuse.

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Cable companies CenturyLink Inc. and Frontier Communications Corp. criticized proposed business data rate regulation in a letter to the Federal Communications Commission Friday, saying it would starve out the competition that has fueled a decade of network expansion.

FCC Says Pre-Spectrum Auction Work Can Be Reimbursed Too

Broadcasters participating in the ongoing spectrum incentive auction can receive reimbursement from a \$1.75 billion fund for expenses they incur preparing for the auction, the Federal Communications Commission said Monday, clarifying that the reimbursement fund coverage extends beyond post- and mid-auction costs.

Inmate Call Providers Urge FCC To Hash Out Rate Cap Row

Executives of inmate calling service providers have met with Federal Communications Commission staff in an effort to resolve their ongoing D.C. Circuit battle over capping rates for calls from prisons and jails, according to a letter released Friday by the agency.

Verizon Presses FCC Against 'Opt-In' Privacy Plans

Verizon representatives have pressed the Federal Communications Commission to rethink its plan for opt-in requirements in its proposed privacy rules for broadband providers, saying they would be burdensome and hurt innovation and competition.

FCC Getting Its Arms Around Telehealth, Commish Says

Federal Communications Commissioner Mignon Clyburn said Monday that the agency is taking a close look at broadband-enabled health care technologies and any regulatory challenges to advancing them, asking industry leaders to engage and help the FCC understand what may be needed.

TEXAS

Texas Voter ID Law Isn't Discriminatory, 5th Circ. Told

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and other state leaders Friday told the Fifth Circuit that the state should prevail on all claims in defense of its controversial voter identification law because even after extensive discovery, no evidence has been found that the law is racially discriminatory.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

New State Laws May Authorize More Than Just Fantasy Sports

The definition for fantasy contest in recently enacted Indiana and Virginia bills — and in other states' proposed bills based on the Fantasy Sports Trade Association's Fantasy Contests Act — appears to expand authorized gambling under state law beyond traditional fantasy sports. A broad definition in state legislation is an avenue for the daily fantasy sports industry to increase the appeal of the products it offers, says Andy Moore of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP.

Obstacles And Opportunities Within CMS Mental Health Rule

Although the standards outlined in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' final rules implementing mental health parity mirror those in the rules for commercial plans, applying the new policy will present unique opportunities, but also challenges that could drive more states to fold their mental health and

substance use disorder benefits into packages covered by managed care organizations, say attorneys at Covington & Burling LLP.

A Look At China's Draft Antitrust Rules For Auto Industry

China's recently released draft antitrust guidelines for the automotive industry comprehensively address all antitrust-related issues but provide particularly strong guidance on how to ensure compliance with vertical monopoly regulations, say attorneys with Tian Yuan Law Firm.

Inside Proposed Amendments To GAO Bid Protest Regulations

Although the Government Accountability Office's introduction of "an electronic filing and document dissemination system" undoubtedly will garner much attention, the other newly announced "administrative changes" to the GAO's bid protest regulations also are very significant, says Aron Beezley of Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP.

Another Take On Reed Smith, Pepper Hamilton Merger Talks

It is no accident that last year was a record year for law firm mergers. And while most of them involved smaller firms, there were some big tie-ups too. Thank Dentons for contributing more than its fair share to the latter category. This year, projections are that a new record for law firm mergers/acquisitions will be established. That again begs the "why?" question, says Mark A. Cohen, founder of Legal Mosaic LLC.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

The 10 Best BigLaw Firms For Female Attorneys

BigLaw continues to struggle with gender equality, but 10 powerhouse firms outpaced their peers, with women comprising nearly 40 percent of their ranks, according to Law360's Glass Ceiling report.

IP Boutiques Still Among Worst For Female Attorneys

Intellectual property firms continue to struggle with gender diversity due to a lack of women in the science and engineering fields and other deeply rooted problems, but a few boutiques surveyed by Law360 stood out as encouraging bright spots.

The New Associate's Survival Guide

Starting a professional career can be a daunting experience for even the most confident law school graduates. Here, attorneys share several ways for newly minted associates to not only survive those first few months and years at their new firms, but also thrive.

Why GCs Want To Test Your Tech Skills

Mastering the software you use every day can make a big difference when it comes to conquering more with less, cutting client costs and increasing law firm profits. That's the premise behind legal technology training programs, which are giving attorneys a crash course in the technologies they think they know and clients a new metric to assess outside counsel performance.

Fox Rothschild HIPAA Guru Says Attys Must Mind Health Data

As law firms around the globe struggle with data security issues, Fox Rothschild LLP's inaugural HIPAA privacy officer Elizabeth G. Litten hopes attorneys in all practices will start talking about the need to protect and correctly handle client health information before a data breach hits.

Novak Druce Hit With Unpaid Wages Suit In Delaware

Novak Druce Connolly Bove & Quigg LLC has again been sued by a former partner, this time in Delaware by an ex-partner who claims that he's owed nearly \$20,000, according to a complaint launched soon after news broke that Polsinelli PC plans to acquire a majority of the firm's attorneys.

Judge Scheindlin Denies TiVo DQ Bid Over Move To Law Firm

U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin refused Monday to disqualify herself from presiding over a patent suit against TiVo Research and Analytics Inc., rejecting TiVo's claims that the unnamed firm she's joining once leaving the bench could have potential connections with the litigants.

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The U.S. Department of the Treasury recently proposed wide-reaching rules to limit the tax benefits of a practice known as earnings stripping, and some experts say the administration may have gone beyond the bounds of its legal authority.

In Reversal, Graham Agrees To Meet With Judge Garland

Reversing his stance Thursday, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he will meet with U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Merrick Garland, but the legislator indicated he still did not support moving forward with the nomination.

FTC Competition Chief Stands By Declaration Practices

The director of the Federal Trade Commission's competition bureau on Friday said that the agency's practice of obtaining and using third-party declarations, which has come under scrutiny in the FTC challenge to the merger of Staples Inc. and Office Depot Inc., is an effective fact-gathering technique that is not going anywhere.

House GOP Gets High Court Time In Obama Immigration Case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday extended oral argument time by half an hour in the closely watched case over President Obama's executive actions on immigration set to be heard April 18, while also reserving 15 minutes for the GOP-led House of Representatives.

Hastert Sexually Abused At Least 5 Minors, Feds Say

Former U.S. Speaker Dennis Hastert was attempting to cover up allegations of sexual abuse from former wrestlers on a team he coached when he agreed to pay one of them hush money, prosecutors said Friday, arguing that an Illinois federal court should consider the abuse in Hastert's sentencing since it was the root of his evasion of bank reporting laws.

ANALYSIS

Sanctions Enforcers Licking Chops In Wake Of Panama Papers

The publishing of the so-called Panama Papers and their revelations about the proliferation of corporate shell companies could lead to an escalation of

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